
THIRD READING

Bill No: ACR 134
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SUBJECT: Black History Month

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution recognizes February 2026 as the centennial anniversary of Black History Month, urges all citizens to join in celebrating the accomplishments of African Americans during Black History Month, and encourages the people of California to recognize the many talents of African Americans and the achievements and contributions they make to their communities to create equity and equality for education, economics, and social justice.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The Civil Rights Movement helped change public policy from segregation to integration, resulting in the repeal of the post-Reconstruction era state laws mandating racial segregation in the South, known as the “Jim Crow Laws,” thereby leading to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and other antidiscrimination laws aimed at ending economic, legal, and social segregation in America.
- 2) Africans and African Americans have been great inventors, inventing and improving on innovations such as the air-conditioning unit, almanac, automatic gearshift, blood plasma bag, clothes dryer, doorknob, doorstop, electric lamp bulb, elevator, fire escape ladder, fountain pen, gas mask, golf tee, horseshoe, lantern, lawnmower, lawn sprinkler, lock, lubricating cup, refrigerating apparatus, spark plug, stethoscope, telephone transmitter, thermostat control, traffic signal, and typewriter.

- 3) To build a stronger and more cohesive state and nation, we must continue to help advance the cause of voter equality and equal access to the political process for all people in order to protect the rights of every American.

This resolution affirms the commitment of the Legislature all people are equal and shall be treated with respect and dignity and shall enjoy the equal application of the law for which the Legislature has been entrusted.

Related/Prior Legislation

SCR 21 (Smallwood-Cuevas, Resolution Chapter 28, Statutes of 2025)

ACR 30 (Jackson, Resolution Chapter 159, Statutes of 2025)

ACR 136 (Holden, Resolution Chapter 28, Statutes of 2024)

SCR 107 (Smallwood-Cuevas, Resolution Chapter 35, Statutes of 2024)

ACR 15 (Wilson, Resolution Chapter 19, Statutes of 2023)

SCR 30 (Smallwood-Cuevas, Resolution Chapter 22, Statutes of 2023)

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 3/4/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 3/4/26)

None received

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