

House Resolution 1762

By: Representative Glanton of the 76<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing March 30, 2008, as Black Marriage Day 2008; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Black Marriage Day will be celebrated for the sixth year Sunday, March 30,  
3 2008; and
- 4 WHEREAS, it is celebrated annually at locally sponsored events hosted by faith based and  
5 community groups on the fourth Sunday in March; and
- 6 WHEREAS, starting with only 30 cities in 2003, marriage activists in more than 150 cities  
7 celebrated Black Marriage Day in March, 2007, to highlight the benefits of marriage, pay  
8 tribute to successful marriages, and to promote marriage in the black community; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the national initiative was created to promote marriage in the black community  
10 in response to the bleak statistics about marriage; and
- 11 WHEREAS, marriage is the most important relationship in an adult's life next to God; and
- 12 WHEREAS, studies show that, for the couple, marriage produces longer life, better health,  
13 higher income, and a greater accumulation of wealth; and
- 14 WHEREAS, in communities where marriages flourish, the property value is higher, crime  
15 is lower, and there are better schools; and
- 16 WHEREAS, in communities where marriages fail, or fail to happen, the opposite exists and  
17 property values are lower, crime is higher, and schools are poorer; and
- 18 WHEREAS, the black community has suffered for years with declining marriage rates,  
19 increasing divorces, and nearly 70 percent of their children being born out of wedlock, with  
20 black women being the most unpartnered group in the country; and

1 WHEREAS, Black Marriage Day was started to create cultural change in the black  
2 community, enabling us to rethink the way we look at marriage; and

3 WHEREAS, marriage must be celebrated and our community must begin the celebration.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
5 the members of this body join together to recognize March 30, 2008, as Black Marriage Day  
6 2008.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Clayton County  
9 Marriage & Family Initiative, Inc.