

## Senate Resolution 137

By: Senators Butler of the 55th, Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd, Seay of the 34th, Davis of the 22nd, Sims of the 12th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February, 2013, as Black History Month at the state capitol; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is a perfect region to celebrate cultural diversity because  
4 of its rich and complex history; and

5 WHEREAS, the Senate recognizes that the citizens of this state are committed to continue  
6 the pursuit of a more equitable society; and

7 WHEREAS, much of Georgia's strength and character can be attributed to the diversity of  
8 cultures and traditions celebrated by its residents; and

9 WHEREAS, African American people and institutions have played significant roles in the  
10 history of our state's economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgia's unique style, from quirky to creative, makes it an ideal place for a  
12 variety of programs celebrating African American history; and

13 WHEREAS, for a number of years Georgia has coordinated a state-wide celebration of Black  
14 History Month highlighting the accomplishments, style, talents, and experiences of African  
15 Americans whose lives are threads woven into the fabric of our community; and

16 WHEREAS, the history of persons of African descent in America is everybody's history; and

17 WHEREAS, Georgia's African American History Month recognizes the extraordinary  
18 achievements of African Americans and their essential role in shaping the story of Georgia;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, the members of this body also recognize the NAACP Gwinnett County Branch  
21 under its new leadership, Mark Williams as president and Robert Crowder as 1st vice  
22 president; and

23 WHEREAS, the theme for this year's celebration is African American History Month  
24 Georgia Style: Conversations, with programs and events that will encourage all Georgia  
25 residents to participate in civil dialogue about issues of importance and strive to bridge those  
26 areas that keep us separate; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that February, 2013, be recognized as Black  
28 History Month at the state capitol.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
30 happily join in the observance of February, 2013, as Black History Month, participate in  
31 order that we will better understand the diverse cultures of Georgia and the universal desire  
32 of all humanity to be free, and carry forward together the promise of America for our  
33 children in honor of the courage and contributions of all leaders in securing liberty and  
34 equality.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
36 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the NAACP Gwinnett County Branch.