

House Resolution 359

By: Representative Mitchell of the 88th

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating Black Economic Empowerment and Black Excellence in honor of Black History
2 Month; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Jacqueline Mohair, founder of the TIUA School of Business, Trinity
4 International Chaplaincy Institute, Trinity International University of Ambassadors Corp.,
5 and Trinity Girls Network Corp., stands as an advocate for Black history and economic
6 empowerment; and

7 WHEREAS, in honor of Black History Month, the TIUA School of Business proudly
8 presents The Economic Empowerment Summit and The Black Excellence Historic Brunch,
9 held at the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, recognizing individuals who have made
10 extraordinary contributions to society; and

11 WHEREAS, the United States was envisioned in 1776 as a nation dedicated to the
12 proposition in the Declaration of Independence that "all men are created equal, that they are
13 endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty,
14 and the pursuit of Happiness"; and

15 WHEREAS, Africans were forcibly brought to the United States as early as the 17th century,
16 enduring enslavement, segregation, and the denial of fundamental rights of citizenship; and

17 WHEREAS, despite these injustices, African Americans have demonstrated resilience,
18 striving for equality and contributing to the economic, political, and cultural advancements
19 of the United States; and

20 WHEREAS, African Americans such as Lieutenant Colonel Allen Allensworth,
21 Congressman John Lewis, Dr. Maya Angelou, Frederick Douglass, Dr. Martin Luther King
22 Jr., Rosa Parks, and countless others have worked against racism, inspiring change and
23 achieving monumental success in various fields; and

24 WHEREAS, many unsung African American heroes lived, toiled, and paved the way for
25 future generations to succeed, yet they remain unrecognized; and

26 WHEREAS, the celebration of Black History Month originated in 1926 when Dr. Carter G.
27 Woodson, the "Father of Black History," established Negro History Week, which evolved
28 into the modern observance of Black History Month; and

29 WHEREAS, the National Museum of African American History and Culture opened on
30 September 24, 2016, on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., preserving and celebrating
31 the rich legacy of African Americans; and

32 WHEREAS, February serves as a time to reflect on the complexity of the United States'
33 history, acknowledging the progress made and the work still necessary to achieve true
34 equality.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body celebrate Black Economic Empowerment and Black Excellence,
37 recognizing the contributions of African Americans throughout history; honor Black History
38 Month, reflecting on the resilience, creativity, and perseverance of African Americans and
39 their impact on the nation; encourage the celebration of Black History Month as an
40 opportunity for all Americans to learn, honor the past, and remain hopeful for the future; and
41 recognize that the United States, while born a divided nation, continues to strive for unity and
42 justice for all people, honoring the legacies of those who fought for liberty and equality.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
44 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
45 public and the press.