



1997 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 28

February 12, 1997 - Introduced by Representative MORRIS-TATUM, cosponsored by Senator MOORE. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** declaring the week of February 24, 1997, African-American Cultural
2 Heritage Week.

3 Whereas, African-Americans have both maintained a rich distinctive culture
4 and have made major contributions to American culture in general; and

5 Whereas, through the contributions of such African-Americans as the
6 Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., El-Hajj Malik El-Shabbazz, Shirley
7 Chisholm and Reverend Jesse Jackson, America's views of itself and of the world
8 have grown to incorporate new ideas and directions; and

9 Whereas, through the contributions of African-American musicians and
10 writers; such as Louis Armstrong, Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Leontyne Price,
11 Andre Watts, James Baldwin, Richard Wright and Toni Morrison; the American
12 culture has been enriched and appreciated around the world; and

13 Whereas, African-American sports figures, such as Reggie White of the Green
14 Bay Packers, have demonstrated their ability to be not only role models for their
15 teams, but also role models off the field for the state and the nation; and

16 Whereas, African-Americans have kept alive and derived pride and unity from
17 other aspects of their cultural traditions; now, therefore, be it

