

2005 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 5

January 27, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives GARD and TOLES. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** Black History Month and honoring Company F of the 29th USCT.

2 Whereas, February is Black History Month, giving all citizens an opportunity
3 to recognize and celebrate the contributions African-Americans have made to
4 Wisconsin, the United States, and the world; and

5 Whereas, during the Civil War a substitution and bounty system was
6 established, allowing states to hire nonresidents and substitutes to meet their draft
7 quotas for soldiers in the Union Army; and

8 Whereas, hundreds of African-Americans, including freemen and escaped
9 slaves, were hired as substitutes and took the place of Wisconsin residents in combat,
10 despite the fact that many of these African-Americans had never set foot in the state
11 of Wisconsin; and

12 Whereas, many of these African-American troops substituting for Wisconsin
13 residents served in Company F of the 29th Infantry of U.S. Colored Troops, 9th Army
14 Corps, 4th Division, in the 2nd Brigade in the Army of the Potomac; and

