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**Miller, Steve**

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**From:** Crowley, David  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 06, 2014 12:57 PM  
**To:** Miller, Steve  
**Subject:** Revised SJR  
**Attachments:** Black History Month SJR.docx

**Importance:** High

Steve,

Here's the revised copy of the Senate Joint Resolution. Our goal is to have this on the floor on February 18.

Thanks,

*David C. Crowley*  
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Relating to: recognizing Black History Month.

WHEREAS, Americans have recognized black history annually since 1926, first as “Negro History Week” and later as “Black History Month,” and the Wisconsin legislature has commemorated February as Black History Month to honor the lives and contributions of Wisconsin African American citizens; and

WHEREAS, we are commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act where many African Americans took a positive stance on breaking down the barriers to racial equality; and

WHEREAS, Clayborn Benson, a native of Milwaukee who faced challenges as an impoverished youth graduated from the old West Division high School despite being labeled “learning disabled;” and

WHEREAS, Clayborn Benson is the Founder and Executive Director of the Black Historical Society Museum where they dedicate time to document and preserve the historical heritage of people of African descent in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, The Black Historical Society Museum exhibits, collects and disseminates materials depicting African heritage, while serving as a resource center for all people interested in African American heritage and as a promoter of family community and cultural activities; and

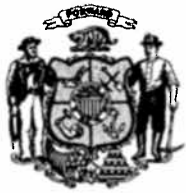
WHEREAS, James Hightower, III, on June 15th, 2013 at the age of 12, became the youngest African American in American history to earn the honor of Eagle Scout, Scouting’s highest honor; and

WHEREAS, James Hightower, III, for his Eagle Scout Service project, rebuilt six bleachers at the three baseball fields of Kletzsch Park, leading recruitment and fundraising efforts for a massive undertaking which enriched the Glendale and Milwaukee communities; and

WHEREAS, James Hightower, III is an inspiration for both children and adults in Milwaukee and around the entire State of Wisconsin for his commitment to setting and achieving ambitious goals, and working tirelessly to invest in and give back to his community and the world around him; and

WHEREAS, many African Americans have served in the legislature, including former senators Spencer Coggs, Gary George, Gwendolynne Moore, and Monroe Swan and representatives Lloyd Barbee, Cecil B. Brown, Beth Coggs, Marcia P. Coggs, Isaac Coggs, Jason Fields, Tamara Grigsby, Raymond Lee Lathan, Johnnie Morris-Tatum, Lucien Palmer, Antonio Riley, Le Roy Simmons, Walton Bryan Stewart, Barbara Toles, and Robert Turner; now therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, the legislature of the state of Wisconsin recognizes the month of February 2014 as "Black History Month," and extends thanks and praise to Clayborn Benson, James Hightower, III, and the many African Americans who have served for their contributions to the state of Wisconsin and their fellow citizens.



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~~PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION~~  
**2013 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

*Friday*

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*in the legislature*

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2 of Wisconsin ~~and their fellow citizens~~. <sup>e</sup> ~~residents~~

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**Rose, Stefanie**

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**From:** Mcginnis, Cindy  
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**To:** LRB.Legal  
**Subject:** Draft Review: LRB -4201/1 Topic: Black History Month

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