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A MEMORIAL

CELEBRATING THE NATIONAL HISTORY DAY PROGRAM; DECLARING
FEBRUARY 5, 2018 "NATIONAL HISTORY DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, national history day has been the premier history
research contest with a national scope for more than thirty
years; and

WHEREAS, national history day supports social studies
classrooms in public, private and charter schools in both urban
and rural communities across the state; and

WHEREAS, more than four thousand five hundred students
aged nine to eighteen participate in national history day
programs in nearly fifty schools statewide; and

WHEREAS, national history day students develop college and
career readiness in areas of scholarly research, analysis,

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1 synthesis, critical thinking, reading, writing, time management
2 and orally defending their work; and

3 WHEREAS, many national history day students develop
4 technology-based skills, such as web development, filmmaking
5 and incorporating digital media in nondigital projects; and

6 WHEREAS, national history day students show improved test
7 scores across subject areas, including reading, writing,
8 science and math; and

9 WHEREAS, national history day students demonstrate
10 perseverance, often spending an entire academic year developing
11 and revising projects; and

12 WHEREAS, national history day inspires interest and value
13 in history as well as a more mature perspective on current
14 events and the dispositions needed in an informed citizenry;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the national history day program instills
17 confidence in students for a number of applied skills, such as
18 communication, organization, collaboration, evaluation,
19 planning and general knowledge; and

20 WHEREAS, national history day encourages students to
21 engage with civic institutions, such as libraries, museums,
22 archives and institutions of higher learning; and

23 WHEREAS, the academic benefits of participating in
24 national history day can continue long after the student has
25 left the program;

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