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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 22-1005

101 CONCERNING RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 1, 2022, AS "BARNEY FORD
102 DAY".

1 WHEREAS, The State of Colorado celebrates Black leaders and
2 their accomplishments during Black History Month; and

3 WHEREAS, Barney Ford was born enslaved 200 years ago in
4 1822, escaped at age 26, and wrote to his enslaver, "If I can do better by
5 myself than I can with you, I feel that I am at liberty to do so; for this is
6 common to all free men."; and

7 WHEREAS, Barney Ford was one of the first 50 African
8 Americans to arrive in Denver in 1860 and was soon called the "King of
9 Restaurateurs"; and

*Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

1 WHEREAS, Barney Ford suffered several significant business
2 losses due to the Great Denver Fire, bankruptcy, and financial ruin, yet
3 remained undeterred in his pursuits; and

4 WHEREAS, Barney Ford was the first African American
5 Coloradan to serve on a grand jury, and he was nominated to the
6 territorial legislature in 1873; and

7 WHEREAS, Barney Ford was one of the territory's Black leaders
8 who petitioned for universal suffrage in the state constitution; and

9 WHEREAS, Barney Ford impacted not just Colorado but the
10 nation with his far-reaching influence and pioneering efforts for Black
11 civil rights; and

12 WHEREAS, A stained glass portrait of Barney Ford hangs in the
13 Colorado House of Representatives chambers in honor of his impact; and

14 WHEREAS, Barney Ford's legacy remains important today as
15 Colorado citizens take stock of where racism persists, and his legacy
16 gives visibility to the people and organizations creating change; now,
17 therefore,

18 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-third*
19 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

20 That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly,
21 recognize and applaud the contributions of Barney Ford to the great state
22 of Colorado and recognize February 1, 2022, as "Barney Ford Day".