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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Commemorating the Bicentennial of the Birth of Frederick Douglass**

3 FOR the purpose of commemorating the bicentennial of the birth of Frederick Douglass;
4 providing that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Department of
5 Legislative Services to certain individuals; and generally relating to the
6 commemoration of the bicentennial of the birth of Frederick Douglass.

7 WHEREAS, Born in Talbot County, Maryland, in 1818, as Frederick Augustus
8 Washington Bailey, this great statesman's birth is celebrated by Americans each year on
9 February 14; and

10 WHEREAS, At the age of 20, Frederick Douglass escaped slavery and became a
11 noted abolitionist, preacher, and advocate of women's rights; and

12 WHEREAS, During the American Civil War, Frederick Douglass served as a
13 consultant to President Abraham Lincoln; through this position, he was instrumental in
14 African Americans being granted the right to vote; and

15 WHEREAS, Frederick Douglass's works are considered classics of American
16 autobiography; his memoir, "Narrative of the Life of Frederick, an American Slave", was
17 influential in fueling the abolitionist movement in America; and

18 WHEREAS, He published two more autobiographies, "My Bondage and My
19 Freedom" in 1855 and "Life and Times of Frederick Douglass" in 1881; and

20 WHEREAS, A true social reformer, Frederick Douglass died on February 20, 1895,
21 in Washington, D.C.; and

22 WHEREAS, By commemorating the bicentennial of Frederick Douglass's birth, we
23 honor his legacy and allow Marylanders to remember the life and legacy of this incredible
24 man; now, therefore, be it



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1 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the General
2 Assembly commemorates the bicentennial of the birth of Frederick Douglass, the noted
3 African American orator, abolitionist, and social reformer; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
5 Legislative Services to the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor of Maryland; the
6 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the
7 Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.