

# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 6

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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

1 A Senate 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

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## EXPLANATION:

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

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

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

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

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

Approved:

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.