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House Joint Resolution 8 (Delegate Mautz, *et al.*)
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Commemorating the Bicentennial of the Birth of Frederick Douglass

This joint resolution commemorates the bicentennial of the birth of Frederick Douglas, the noted African American orator, abolitionist, and social reformer.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The joint resolution does not directly affect State finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: Frederick Douglass was born on the Eastern Shore of Maryland in 1818. His birthday is celebrated on February 14. He escaped from slavery and became a lecturer for the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society. He published *The North Star* weekly, wrote three autobiographies, and participated in the first women's rights convention at Seneca Falls, New York. Douglass was a leading opponent of the fugitive slave law. He was an advisor to President Abraham Lincoln, a U.S. Marshal for the District of Columbia, and Minister-General to the Republic of Haiti.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SJ 6 (Senator Eckardt, *et al.*) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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