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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader**

Senate Joint Resolution 6 (Senator Eckardt, *et al.*)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Rules and Executive Nominations

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

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

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**Fiscal Summary**

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

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**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.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** HJ 8 (Delegate Mautz, *et al.*) - Rules and Executive Nominations.

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