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Joint Resolution

Sept. 24, 1984  
[S.J. Res. 340]

To designate the week of September 23, 1984 as "National Historically Black Colleges Week".

Whereas there are one hundred and three historically black colleges and universities in the United States;  
Whereas they are providing the quality education so essential to full participation in our complex, highly technological society;  
Whereas black colleges and universities have a rich heritage and have played a prominent role in American history;  
Whereas these institutions have allowed many underprivileged students to attain their full potential through higher education; and  
Whereas the achievements and goals of these historically black colleges are deserving of national recognition: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the week of September 23, 1984, is designated as "National Historically Black Colleges Week" and the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States and interested groups to observe that week by engaging in appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs, thereby showing their support of historically black colleges and universities in the United States.

Approved September 24, 1984.

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