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HOUSE BILL NO. 240

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES ELLINGTON (Sponsor), MIMS, PIERSON, WEBB,
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AN ACT

To amend chapter 26, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the Malcolm X observance day commission.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 26, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 26.755, to read as follows:

26.755. 1. **There is hereby created within the office of the governor the "Malcolm
2 X Day Commission". The commission shall organize and coordinate activities and events
3 in honor of Malcolm X, culminating with a festival-style event the Saturday on or
4 immediately prior to May nineteenth, the birthday of Malcolm X. Such events and
5 activities shall be designed to celebrate the life of Malcolm X, raise awareness about his
6 legacy in the civil rights movement, and encourage the end of violence, crime, substance
7 abuse, and self-loathing that continue to cripple low-income urban communities.**

8 **2. The Malcolm X day commission shall consist of nine members to be appointed
9 by the governor, including but not limited to educators, civic and community leaders, and
10 persons with a desire to keep Malcolm X's legacy alive. Members of the commission shall
11 serve four-year terms; except that, of the first members appointed, three shall service a
12 term of two years, three shall serve a term of three years, and three shall serve a term of
13 four years.**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

14 **3. All members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for all**
15 **actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties as**
16 **members of the commission.**

17 **4. The office of the governor shall provide funding, administrative support, and**
18 **staff for the effective operation of the commission.**

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