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HOUSE BILL NO. 1697

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES ELLINGTON (Sponsor), MIMS, GARDNER,
BUTLER AND SMITH (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 9, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the designation of Malcolm X observation day in Missouri.

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

Section A. Chapter 9, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 9.196, to read as follows:

3 **9.196. May nineteenth of each year shall be known and is designated as "Malcolm**
4 **X Observation Day" in Missouri in honor of Malcolm X, a human rights activist and**
5 **courageous advocate for the rights of African Americans who articulated concepts of**
6 **equality and self-determination. It is recommended to the people of the state that the day**
7 **be appropriately observed through activities and events designed to celebrate the life of**
8 **Malcolm X, raise awareness about his legacy in the civil rights movement, and encourage**
9 **the end of violence, crime, substance abuse, and self-loathing that continue to cripple low-**
10 **income urban communities.**

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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.