

HB 1697 -- MALCOLM X OBSERVATION DAY

SPONSOR: Ellington

This bill designates May 19 each year as "Malcolm X Observation Day" in Missouri in honor of Malcolm X, a human rights activist and courageous advocate for the rights of African Americans who articulated concepts of equality and self-determination. Citizens are encouraged to appropriately observe the day through activities and events designed to celebrate the life of Malcolm X, raise awareness about his legacy in the civil rights movement, and encourage the end of violence, crime, substance abuse, and self-loathing that continue to cripple low-income urban communities.