

HB 1697 -- HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE WEEK

SPONSOR: Washington

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Tourism by a vote of 10 to 1.

This bill designates the third week in September as "Historically Black College and University Week," and encourages citizens to observe the week with appropriate events and activities recognizing the importance of historically black colleges and universities.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that Missouri is home to two historically black colleges, Lincoln University and Harris-Stowe State University. This bill would bring recognition to the history and importance to the state of these institutions.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Washington and Debra Greene, Lincoln University.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.