



## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 22-1005

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Herod and Jodeh, Amabile, Bacon, Baisley, Benavidez, Bennett, Bird, Bockenfeld, Boesenecker, Bradfield, Caraveo, Carver, Catlin, Cutter, Daugherty, Esgar, Exum, Froelich, Geitner, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Gray, Hanks, Holtorf, Hooton, Kennedy, Kipp, Larson, Lindsay, Lontine, Luck, Lynch, McCluskie, McCormick, McKean, McLachlan, Michaelson Jenet, Mullica, Neville, Ortiz, Pelton, Pico, Ransom, Rich, Ricks, Roberts, Sandridge, Sirota, Snyder, Soper, Sullivan, Tipper, Titone, Valdez A., Valdez D., Van Beber, Van Winkle, Weissman, Will, Williams, Woodrow, Woog, Young, Garnett; also SENATOR(S) Buckner and Coleman, Bridges, Cooke, Donovan, Fenberg, Fields, Gardner, Ginal, Gonzales, Hansen, Hisey, Holbert, Jaquez Lewis, Kirkmeyer, Kolker, Lee, Liston, Lundeen, Moreno, Pettersen, Rankin, Rodriguez, Scott, Simpson, Sonnenberg, Story, Woodward, Zenzinger, Garcia.

CONCERNING RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 1, 2022, AS "BARNEY FORD DAY".

WHEREAS, The State of Colorado celebrates Black leaders and their accomplishments during Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, Barney Ford was born enslaved 200 years ago in 1822, escaped at age 26, and wrote to his enslaver, "If I can do better by myself than I can with you, I feel that I am at liberty to do so; for this is common to all free men."; and

WHEREAS, Barney Ford was one of the first 50 African Americans to arrive in Denver in 1860 and was soon called the "King of Restaurateurs"; and

WHEREAS, Barney Ford suffered several significant business losses due to the Great Denver Fire, bankruptcy, and financial ruin, yet remained undeterred in his pursuits; and

WHEREAS, Barney Ford was the first African American Coloradan to serve on a grand jury, and he was nominated to the territorial legislature in 1873; and

WHEREAS, Barney Ford was one of the territory's Black leaders who petitioned for universal suffrage in the state constitution; and

WHEREAS, Barney Ford impacted not just Colorado but the nation with his far-reaching influence and pioneering efforts for Black civil rights; and

WHEREAS, A stained glass portrait of Barney Ford hangs in the Colorado House of Representatives chambers in honor of his impact; and

WHEREAS, Barney Ford's legacy remains important today as Colorado citizens take stock of where racism persists, and his legacy gives visibility to the people and organizations creating change; now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-third General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, recognize and applaud the contributions of Barney Ford to the great state of Colorado and recognize February 1, 2022, as "Barney Ford Day".

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE  
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