

To: House Committee on Education

I write in support of HB 617. It is past time that we include a more complete history of the contributions and perspectives African Americans have made to the development of our country. The dynamics of their cultural contributions and the role they have played in the formation of the United States from its beginning has been sadly neglected in our education system. It is important that our children come to appreciate their contributions in literature, as well as music. The curriculum needs to include acknowledgement of historical figures that have played a significant role in the development of who we are as a nation today.

Respectfully, Margaret Brown