

Assembly gavels in, passes two separate Black History Month resolutions

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Two separate joint resolutions recognizing February as Black History Month cleared the Assembly this afternoon shortly after the chamber gavelled in for its third consecutive floor day this week.

One resolution, AJR 109, is from Rep. Scott Allen, R-Waukesha. The other, AJR 112, is from Dem Rep. David Crowley and Sen. Lena Taylor, both of Milwaukee, along with other members of the Black and Latino caucus. Both passed via voice vote.

Speaking to reporters before today's floor session, Allen said he expected both to pass the chamber and said each honors the month and pays "appropriate respect to those deserving."

But Minority Leader Gordon Hintz, D-Oshkosh, said he found it "disappointing" to have "two opposing" resolutions on the issue.

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"(It's) a little confusing, a little out of order to how we do things in the Assembly," he said.

The Senate on Tuesday passed a single Black History Month resolution from Taylor and Crowley.