The following resolution was presented by Atlanta citizens to the
Monday, January 20, 1964 meeting of the Atlanta Board of Education.

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"Whereas, the struggle of the Negro to achieve his
equal rights is one of the nation's most pressing internal
problems.

"Whereas, Atlanta, Georgia has failed in its responsi-
sibility to offer equal educational opportunity to Negro
children.

"Whereas, the nation is facing its one hundred and
first year since the Emancipation Proclamation issued by
Abraham Lincoln.

"Whereas, throughout the nation in all places except
segregated cities and states, Americans celebrate Lincoln's
birthday.

"Whereas, the Negro citizens of Atlanta and other well
intentioned people would celebrate Lincoln's birthday if they
had a chance to decide their fate.

"Whereas, in the semi-segregated and over-crowded
schools of Atlanta, Negro children as well as, whites do not
learn of the important Freedom struggle now being waged in
the United States, and the historical role the Negro has
played in the development of this nation.

"Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Educa-
tion of Atlanta, by special proclamation, do hereby declare
February 12, 1964, a legal holiday for students in the Atlanta
School System in keeping with the spirit of Emancipation.

"Be it further resolved that the Atlanta Board of
Education immediately remove from Atlanta the scar of
segregation and inadequate school facilities for Negro and
white children."

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