

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 responsibility 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 Education 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."

Submitted by: ATLANTA COMMITTEE ON APPEAL FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
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