

construction and the need for new highways; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Department of Transportation.

Approved May 15, 1975.

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No. 71

(House Joint Resolution 98)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

**Black Youth Unemployment**

FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor to appoint a Task Force to study black youth unemployment and to implement the results of such a study to reduce black youth unemployment.

WHEREAS, The unemployment rate among black youth (16-19 years old) is 42% and is expected soon to be higher; and

WHEREAS, The delinquency, alienation, crime, and various addictive rates are the highest among this age group; and

[[WHEREAS, The high unemployment rate is social dynamite in concentrated urban areas and a potential disaster for human and social relations; and]]

WHEREAS, Black youth are bearing the brunt of both inflationary pressures and high unemployment; and

WHEREAS, The inner city where most black youth live in deteriorating conditions and which is becoming an urban wasteland; and

WHEREAS, Black youth are the last (if) hired and first fired; and

WHEREAS, Black youth are heavily concentrated in the blue collar, unskilled, and semi-skilled occupations which are the first to bear the brunt of lay-offs and declining economic conditions; and

[[WHEREAS, Black youth have been the victims of racial segregation, class discrimination, economic