

Senator Conyers offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 38.

A resolution recognizing March 27-31, 2017, as Lewis College of Business Week.

Whereas, Historically Black Colleges and Universities week in the United States of America and specifically the legacy of Lewis College of Business located in Detroit. This will recognize March 27–31, 2017 as HBCU Week; and

Whereas, Lewis College of Business (LCB) was an institution of higher education in Detroit; and

Whereas, It was also the first historically black college in Michigan. Founded in 1928, it specialized in business-related topics; and

Whereas, LCB brought state-of-the-art, accredited, business education to its students and was an open admission, two-year college, presenting both academic and technical programs. Its certificates and associate degrees provided easy entry into the job market or gave transfer privileges to a senior institution; and

Whereas, The main function of LCB was to supply opportunities in higher education for qualified applicants. The college provided a business-related curriculum in Computer Information, Business Administration, and Office Information Systems; and

Whereas, The long-term objective of the college was to continue granting degrees. Although the academic program of the college focuses on technical business skills, the students learn the skills and attitudes to become world citizens; and

Whereas, During the past 70 years, over 2,500 students have graduated from LCB, and close to 27,000 students have attended this institution; and

Whereas, LCB has always impressed upon its students the value of continued growth through education. The acceptance of this counsel is evidenced by the alumni who have earned Bachelors, Masters, and Doctorate degrees. Unfortunately LCB had to close in 2013; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize Lewis College of Business and HBCU Week on March 27-31, 2017; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Dr. Marjorie Lewis Harris and her sister Phyllis Lewis Ponders, daughters of Violet T. Lewis, Founder of Lewis College of Business.