

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 185**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the auspicious occasion of its centennial anniversary; and

**WHEREAS**, The NAACP was founded in New York City in 1909 by a coalition of black and white citizens fighting for social justice; and

**WHEREAS**, The mission of the NAACP is to strive to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, Dedicated to removing the barriers of racial discrimination through democratic processes, the NAACP has worked to seek enactment of federal, state, and local laws to secure civil rights for all our nation's citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, The organization's efforts in supporting anti-lynching legislation and its work to end discrimination in the workplace through the Fair Employment Practices Committee have served as an inspiration to many; and

**WHEREAS**, The NAACP also worked through the American legal system to achieve its goals; with its Legal Defense and Educational Fund, it played an important role in the landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* case, which outlawed segregation in public schools; and

**WHEREAS**, Built on the collective courage of countless people, the NAACP has helped determine the course of American history; from its early struggles to make itself heard in the days of widespread lynching, to its energetic support of civil rights legislation, to its defense of affirmative action and its advocacy in the areas of education, health care, and economic justice, this exceptional organization has made a difference in the lives of innumerable people; it is truly deserving of respect and admiration for its contributions to American life; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for its enduring commitment to helping our nation achieve the ideals set forth at its conception and extend sincere congratulations to this invaluable organization on its centennial anniversary; and, be it further

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**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special occasion.

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Davis  
Duncan  
Estes  
Gallegos

Hinojosa  
Lucio  
Seliger  
Shapiro  
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Watson  
West  
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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 11, 2009.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate