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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Corpus Christi chapter of the NAACP, under the
2 leadership of president Terry Mills, is sponsoring *A Kings Dream:*
3 *United We Stand* on August 28, 2013, a gala event to celebrate the
4 50th anniversary of the historic "I Have a Dream" speech; and

5 WHEREAS, On this date in 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,
6 stood on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., and
7 delivered his stirring address to the crowd of 250,000 people who
8 were participating in the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom;
9 at the end of the speech, Dr. King departed somewhat from his
10 prepared text and, with spontaneous eloquence and passion,
11 described his dream of an America free of racism and hatred; and

12 WHEREAS, This unforgettable occasion is being honored in
13 Corpus Christi with *United We Stand*, an evening of celebration and
14 remembrance featuring re-enactors in historical costume, a march,
15 and storytellers whose tales will evoke the era, the history of the
16 Civil Rights Movement, and the names of its heroes; the evening
17 culminates with a recitation of the speech in its entirety,
18 followed by a fireworks display and musical performance; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech is one of the most
20 important orations in American history and an essential document in
21 the common cultural heritage of humankind, and *United We Stand* is a
22 fitting celebration of our nation's dream of equality and its
23 strength through diversity; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas

1 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commemorate *A Kings Dream:*
2 *United We Stand* and extend sincere best wishes to NAACP Corpus
3 Christi and its members and guests for a memorable and
4 inspirational event; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for NAACP Corpus Christi and chapter president Terry Mills
7 as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of
8 Representatives.