## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Grand Prairie branch of the NAACP is hosting its 29th Annual Freedom Fund Scholarship Banquet on March 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, The NAACP was founded in 1909, with the mission to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all people and to eliminate race-based discrimination; the NAACP advocates for the enactment and enforcement of federal, state, and local laws securing civil rights, and over the years, it has played a pivotal role in many groundbreaking legal cases; and

WHEREAS, The NAACP of Grand Prairie is aligned with its parent organization in seeking to promote justice in the community and throughout the nation at large; the chapter is guided by a skilled leadership team and enjoys the support of numerous volunteers who are truly deserving of commendation; and

WHEREAS, For nearly three decades, the Freedom Fund Scholarship Banquet has provided members an opportunity to call attention to significant issues of concern to the NAACP and to recognize and reward deserving area students; centered on the theme "Stand United," this year's banquet features a keynote address by motivational speaker Silk Littlejohn; and

WHEREAS, The men and women of the NAACP have long distinguished themselves as champions for equality in American society, and the Freedom Fund Scholarship Banquet serves to further the vital work of this trailblazing organization; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas Legislature hereby commemorate the 29th Annual NAACP Grand Prairie Freedom Fund Scholarship Banquet and extend to all those in attendance sincere best wishes for a successful and enjoyable event; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for the NAACP of Grand Prairie as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

