H.R. No. 339

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The members of the NAACP H. Boyd Hall Branch in Corpus Christi are celebrating the chapter's 100th anniversary at the Freedom Fund Banquet on January 19, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Seeking to end racial discrimination, the Corpus Christi branch of the NAACP held its first meeting on February 7, 1919, with a robust total of 56 people stepping forward to take up the organization's mission; in 1923, the group was forced to cease operations due to an increase in violence against the area's African American population, but the chapter's members remained resolute in their quest for equality; they reorganized and applied for a new charter on February 2, 1928; and

WHEREAS, The H. Boyd Hall Branch has thrived in the decades since; inspired by the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., its members took part in the civil rights struggles of the 1950s and 1960s, and their efforts, combined with those of other activists around the nation, helped bring about important advances, such as passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

WHEREAS, Today, under the direction of current chapter president Terry Mills, the H. Boyd Hall Branch continues to serve as a prominent voice championing diversity and inclusion, with thousands of people regularly turning out to support NAACP events in the Coastal Bend region; and

WHEREAS, The H. Boyd Hall Branch of the NAACP has played an essential role in bringing about progressive change in the Corpus Christi community and beyond, and its members are indeed deserving of recognition for their steadfast commitment to the principles of equal rights and social justice; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of the H. Boyd Hall Branch of the NAACP and commend the chapter for its outstanding record of achievement; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 339 was adopted by the House on March 13, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House