

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Members of the Texas State Conference of NAACP Units  
2 are visiting the State Capitol on February 26, 2019, in celebration  
3 of Texas NAACP Day; and

4           WHEREAS, For more than a century, the NAACP has played a  
5 crucial role in the struggle for equal rights and justice; the  
6 organization was founded in 1909 and grew rapidly as it set agendas  
7 and developed tactics that would propel the civil rights movement  
8 through the 20th century; and

9           WHEREAS, The NAACP has drawn its strength as a grassroots  
10 organization from a membership based in hundreds of communities  
11 across the nation, and its local branches have been key to its  
12 effectiveness; in Texas, the first chapter was established in El  
13 Paso in 1915, and nine more cities in the state gained branches  
14 three years later; and

15           WHEREAS, In 1937, the Texas State Conference of NAACP Units  
16 was established under the leadership of A. Maceo Smith, and the  
17 organization gained traction as a sustained, statewide movement;  
18 the conference expanded rapidly during and after World War II,  
19 reaching a membership of almost 30,000 people in more than 100  
20 branches; early victories included Supreme Court cases that ended  
21 Democratic white primary elections and secured the admission of  
22 Heman M. Sweatt to The University of Texas School of Law; public  
23 school desegregation cases dragged on longer, tied up in the courts  
24 for years while the NAACP confronted government retaliation; and

1           WHEREAS, Texas branches of the NAACP have continued to build  
2 on the accomplishments of the Civil Rights Era; initiatives include  
3 litigating redistricting cases and targeting discriminatory  
4 practices in employment, housing, and the criminal justice system;  
5 since 1991, that work has been guided by Gary Bledsoe, president of  
6 the Texas NAACP; and

7           WHEREAS, For more than eight decades, the Texas State  
8 Conference of NAACP Units has advanced the cause of social justice,  
9 and through their dedication as champions of equal rights, members  
10 across the state are furthering the vital goals of this  
11 trailblazing organization; now, therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby recognize February 26, 2019, as Texas NAACP Day  
14 at the State Capitol and extend to the members of the Texas State  
15 Conference of NAACP Units sincere best wishes for a memorable and  
16 productive visit to Austin.

Reynolds

Bonnen of Brazoria	Guerra	Oliverson
Allen	Guillen	Ortega
Allison	Gutierrez	Pacheco
Anchia	Harless	Paddie
Anderson	Harris	Parker
Ashby	Hefner	Patterson
Bailes	Hernandez	Paul
Beckley	Herrero	Perez
Bell of Kaufman	Hinojosa	Phelan
Bell of Montgomery	Holland	Price
Bernal	Howard	Ramos
Biedermann	Huberty	Raney
Blanco	Hunter	Raymond
Bohac	Israel	Reynolds
Bonnen of Galveston	E. Johnson of Dallas	Rodriguez
Bowers	J. Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Buckley	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Bucy	Kacal	Rosenthal
Burns	King of Hemphill	Sanford
Burrows	King of Parker	Schaefer
Button	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Cain	Klick	Sheffield
Calanni	Krause	Sherman, Sr.
Canales	Kuempel	Shine
Capriglione	Lambert	Smith
Clardy	Landgraf	Smithee
Cole	Lang	Springer
Coleman	Larson	Stephenson
Collier	Leach	Stickland
Cortez	Leman	Stucky
Craddick	Longoria	Swanson
Cyrier	Lozano	Talarico
Darby	Lucio III	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Martinez Fischer	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Metcalf	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Meyer	Toth
Dominguez	Meza	Turner of Dallas
Dutton	Middleton	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miller	VanDeaver
Fierro	Minjarez	Vo
Flynn	Moody	Walle
Frank	Morrison	White
Frullo	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Geren	Murphy	Wray
Gervin-Hawkins	Murr	Wu
Goldman	Neave	Zedler
González of Dallas	Nevárez	Zerwas
González of El Paso	Noble	Zwiener
Goodwin		

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 201 was adopted by the House on February 26, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House