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H.R. No. 339

R E S O L U T I O N

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

4           WHEREAS, Seeking to end racial discrimination, the Corpus  
5 Christi branch of the NAACP held its first meeting on February 7,  
6 1919, with a robust total of 56 people stepping forward to take up  
7 the organization's mission; in 1923, the group was forced to cease  
8 operations due to an increase in violence against the area's  
9 African American population, but the chapter's members remained  
10 resolute in their quest for equality; they reorganized and applied  
11 for a new charter on February 2, 1928; and

12           WHEREAS, The H. Boyd Hall Branch has thrived in the decades  
13 since; inspired by the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., its  
14 members took part in the civil rights struggles of the 1950s and  
15 1960s, and their efforts, combined with those of other activists  
16 around the nation, helped bring about important advances, such as  
17 passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

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

23           WHEREAS, The H. Boyd Hall Branch of the NAACP has played an  
24 essential role in bringing about progressive change in the Corpus

1 Christi community and beyond, and its members are indeed deserving  
2 of recognition for their steadfast commitment to the principles of  
3 equal rights and social justice; now, therefore, be it

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

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