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H.R. No. 716

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Grand Prairie branch of the NAACP is hosting its  
2 32nd annual Freedom Fund Scholarship Banquet on March 28, 2019; and

3 WHEREAS, The NAACP of Grand Prairie is aligned with its  
4 parent organization in seeking to eliminate racial discrimination  
5 and to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic  
6 equality of all citizens; for more than three decades, the Freedom  
7 Fund Scholarship Banquet has provided the chapter with the  
8 opportunity to support the advancement of education in its  
9 community by raising scholarship money for deserving area students;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Featuring the theme "Love Conquers Hate," this  
12 year's banquet will welcome Sarah Collins Rudolph, a survivor of  
13 the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in Birmingham, Alabama, as  
14 its keynote speaker; the bombing, which was carried out on  
15 September 15, 1963, by four members of the Ku Klux Klan, took the  
16 lives of Ms. Rudolph's sister and three other girls and left  
17 Ms. Rudolph with significant injuries, including the loss of sight  
18 in one of her eyes; in the decades that have passed since that  
19 horrific day, Ms. Rudolph has spoken out about the trauma she has  
20 endured as a victim and survivor of terrorism, and she has traveled  
21 across the country spreading a message about hope and the healing  
22 power of reconciliation; and

23 WHEREAS, The dedicated work of the Grand Prairie NAACP is an  
24 inspiration to all those who share its vision of a society built

1 around justice and human dignity, and it is a privilege to join in  
2 honoring the organization and its distinguished guest speaker,  
3 Sarah Collins Rudolph; now, therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby commemorate the 32nd annual NAACP Grand Prairie  
6 Freedom Fund Scholarship Banquet and extend to all those in  
7 attendance sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable  
8 event; and, be it further

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