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H.R. No. 350

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Austin NAACP President Nelson Linder has ably guided
2 the organization for 25 years; and

3 WHEREAS, Born in Macon, Georgia, Nelson Linder served in the
4 U.S. Army Signal Corps before moving to Austin in 1981; he completed
5 his bachelor's degree in personnel management and industrial
6 relations at Huston-Tillotson University and embarked on a career
7 in the insurance industry; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Linder is a descendant of George Linder, one of
9 the Original 33 Black legislators elected to the Georgia General
10 Assembly during Reconstruction; following in his
11 great-grandfather's tradition of civil rights advocacy, Mr. Linder
12 founded the Garvey/Allen/Washington Project in 1992 to promote
13 social justice in keeping with the philosophies of Marcus Garvey,
14 Richard Allen, and Booker T. Washington; and

15 WHEREAS, Elected president of the Austin NAACP in 2000,
16 Mr. Linder has been an important voice for the Black community and
17 human rights; he has been interviewed on issues impacting minority
18 communities by numerous media outlets, including *The Washington*
19 *Post*, CNN, and BET, as well as state and local media; his efforts in
20 response to police brutality have received national recognition,
21 and he has also worked tirelessly in behalf of educational equity
22 and economic advancement; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Linder's role in establishing the African
24 American Quality of Life Initiative in 2005 led to the creation of

1 the African American Resource Advisory Commission the following
2 year; moreover, he has encouraged political engagement as a host of
3 "Wake Up Call (Empowerment Mode)," a KAZI radio talk show focusing
4 on solutions to challenges confronting African Americans; and

5 WHEREAS, A committed champion of his community, Nelson Linder
6 has done much to bring progress and positive change to Central
7 Texas, and his contributions have earned the deep admiration and
8 appreciation of his fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
10 Legislature hereby honor Nelson Linder for his 25 years of service
11 as president of the Austin NAACP and extend to him sincere best
12 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Mr. Linder as an expression of high regard by the Texas
15 House of Representatives.