

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1010

By: Pittman

A Resolution recognizing February 24, 2009, as NAACP Day in the State of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), founded February 12, 1909, will be celebrating its Centennial on February 24, 2009, commemorating 100 years of dedication, struggle, and achievement to further the cause of fair play, justice, and equal opportunities for minorities in this nation; and

WHEREAS, under the guidance of its founders Mary White Ovington, William English Walling and Henry Moskowitz, the NAACP has been known as a strong figure in the advancement of civil rights during an era when segregation and injustice were bluntly practiced as a social norm; and

WHEREAS, under the guidance of its founders, and some of its early leaders like the legendary W.E.B. DuBois, the NAACP began with only three members and has become a large and powerful body of citizens with over 400,000 members righting the wrongs of injustice and inequality; and

WHEREAS, the NAACP has led the civil rights struggle making significant gains for quality education, equal employment, and equal housing opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the rightful gains that blacks have made to ensure equal justice have been largely due to the persistence and determined efforts of the leadership and membership of the NAACP, and those sympathetic to its cause; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Conference NAACP was established in 1929; and

WHEREAS, during the 100-year history of the NAACP, the state organization has worked unremittingly within the system to achieve equal opportunity and justice for all citizens throughout the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Oklahoma shall recognize and affirm the significant contributions the NAACP made over the past 100 years in the advancement of race relations, justice, civil and human rights, including those made by such esteemed NAACP members as Dean William Pickens, President Roscoe Dunjee, Secretary Reverend S.A. Clark, and Treasurer Dr. W.A. Bullock, elected as the first officers of the Oklahoma State Conference NAACP, and James E. (Jimmy) Stewart, Ada Lois Sipuel, Emma Lee, Eula Mae Saunders, John E. Green, Clara Luper, and a host of others as civil rights icons; and

WHEREAS, the State Conferences, Branches, Junior Youth Councils, Youth Councils, High School Chapters and College Chapters of the NAACP across the country will also participate in this 100th Birthday Celebration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes February 24, 2009, as "NAACP Day" in the State of Oklahoma to recognize the efforts and achievements of this organization in our community and across the nation.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to Oklahoma NAACP President Anthony Douglas, Oklahoma City Chapter President Reginald Mitchell, former Oklahoma City Chapter President Roosevelt Milton, and civil rights activist Clara Luper.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 24th day of
February, 2009.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives