

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 HOUSE

4 RESOLUTION 1010

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, under the guidance of its founders, and some of its
23 early leaders like the legendary W.E.B. DuBois, the NAACP began with
24 only three members and has become a large and powerful body of

1 citizens with over 400,000 members righting the wrongs of injustice
2 and inequality; and

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

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

10 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Conference NAACP was established in
11 1929; and

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

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

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

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

9 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes February
10 24, 2009, as "NAACP Day" in the State of Oklahoma to recognize the
11 efforts and achievements of this organization in our community and
12 across the nation.

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

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