

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2009**

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR80016-LG-25 (1/16)**

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Sponsors: Representative Pierce.

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Referred to:

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE  
2 ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP) ON ITS ONE HUNDREDTH  
3 ANNIVERSARY.

4 Whereas, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People  
5 (NAACP) was founded on February 12, 1908, in New York City; and

6 Whereas, the NAACP's founders consisted of a multiracial group of activists,  
7 including Ida Wells-Barnett, W.E.B. DuBois, Henry Moscowitz, Mary White Ovington,  
8 Oswald Garrison Villiard, and William English Walling; and

9 Whereas, the NAACP's mission is to ensure the political, educational, social, and  
10 economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial  
11 discrimination; and

12 Whereas, according to the NAACP's constitution, some of the organization's  
13 objectives include removing all barriers of racial discrimination through democratic processes;  
14 seeking enactment and enforcement of federal, state, and local laws securing civil rights; and  
15 informing the public of the adverse effects of racial discrimination and how to take lawful  
16 action to help eliminate racial discrimination; and

17 Whereas, for 100 years, the NAACP has led public demonstrations and joined court  
18 battles to bring about awareness of racial and other injustices; and

19 Whereas, the NAACP will observe its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary through activities planned  
20 throughout the year and ending with its annual convention in 2010; and

21 Whereas, the NAACP has more than 1,700 units nationwide, and its members  
22 actively participate in a number of programs that focus on the mission of the NAACP; and

23 Whereas, Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II serves as President of the North Carolina  
24 NAACP and is committed to improving the civil rights of everyone in the State; Now,  
25 therefore,

26 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

27 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of those who founded the  
28 NAACP for their vision and the service they rendered.

29 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly congratulates the NAACP, the oldest civil  
30 rights organization in the nation, on its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and expresses appreciation for its  
31 contributions to social change.

32 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
33 resolution to the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II.

34 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.

