

House Resolution 943

By: Representatives Brooks of the 63rd and Watson of the 91st

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Franklin McCain, Joseph McNeil, Jibreel Khazan, and the late David Richmond,
2 the "Greensboro Four"; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Franklin McCain, Joseph McNeil, Jibreel Khazan (whose name then was Ezell
4 Blair, Jr.), and David Richmond, who died in 1990, are the Greensboro Four, the small band
5 of African Americans who balked at the segregation era's whites-only rules; and

6 WHEREAS, on February 1, 1960, they began a nonviolent equal rights sit-in at the
7 Greensboro, North Carolina, F. W. Woolworth lunch counter; and

8 WHEREAS, the actions of the Greensboro Four, who were all college freshmen, helped
9 reignite the civil rights movement; and

10 WHEREAS, within two months their courageous move had sparked demonstrations by
11 African Americans at lunch counters in 54 cities, including Atlanta and Savannah; and

12 WHEREAS, by July, 1960, the Woolworth in Greensboro had become integrated; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1995, a portion of the lunch counter became part of a permanent exhibit at
14 the Smithsonian National Museum of American History in Washington, D. C., and four years
15 ago a 10 foot statue of the Greensboro Four was unveiled at their alma mater, North Carolina
16 A & T State University; and

17 WHEREAS, in February, 2005, their story was remembered in an hour-long PBS
18 documentary, "February One: The Story of the Greensboro Four"; and

19 WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate to remember and honor these American heroes who as
20 young men helped to advance American democracy.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body honor Franklin McCain, Joseph McNeil, Jibreel Khazan, and the
3 late David Richmond for their enduring contributions to the American society.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Franklin McCain, Joseph
6 McNeil, Jibreel Khazan, and the family of David Richmond.