

## Senate Resolution 63

By: Senators Seay of the 34th and Buckner of the 44th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Clayton County Branch of the National Association for  
2 the Advancement of Colored People; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, during the summer of 1986, several members of the Clayton County African  
4 American community expressed a desire to establish a Clayton County Branch of the  
5 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) to organize and  
6 unify the work being done throughout the community by several civic leagues and social  
7 organizations; and

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9 WHEREAS, many leaders in the African American community of Clayton County were  
10 instrumental in efforts to create the Clayton County Branch of the NAACP including:  
11 Reverend McAlister and Cynthia Hollins, Reverend Charles Grant, Eddie White, James  
12 Jackson, Reda Brooks, Carolyn and Gail Davenport, Oscar Blalock, Catherine Glover,  
13 Leonard Tate, Adelle Freeman, Cornelia Smith, Wade Starr, Jr., Joe and Tonella Frierson,  
14 and Jessie Dent; and

15 WHEREAS, the initiative and leadership of Leonard Tate, Tonella Frierson, and Jesse Dent  
16 during the organizational period of the Clayton County Branch were vital in the group's  
17 creation; and

18 WHEREAS, after 119 signatures of support from the community were collected and officers  
19 were elected, the Clayton County Branch was chartered on October 18, 1986; and

20 WHEREAS, one of the first programs organized by the Clayton County Branch of the  
21 NAACP was a School Superintendent Candidates Forum in the fall of 1986; and

22 WHEREAS, since its inception, the Clayton County Branch of the NAACP has been  
23 intricately involved in the social, political, economic, and religious development of Clayton  
24 County; and

25 WHEREAS, throughout the years, the Clayton County Branch of the NAACP has been  
26 superbly led by numerous talented presidents including: James Jackson, Ben Marsh, Oscar  
27 Blalock, William Mouzon, Reverend Joseph Wheeler, and Dexter Matthews; and

28 WHEREAS, it is fitting that this body express its appreciation for the great advancements  
29 made by the Clayton County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of  
30 Colored People over the past three decades.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that members of this body  
32 recognize the Clayton County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of  
33 Colored People for the organization's significant role in leading social change in Clayton  
34 County and Georgia.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
36 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the current president of the Clayton  
37 County Branch for National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Dexter  
38 Matthews.