

House Resolution 602

By: Representatives Brooks of the 63rd and Abdul-Salaam of the 74th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the National Association for the Advancement of Colored
2 People Youth & College Division on its 75th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
4 Youth & College Division was founded on March 9, 1936, and celebrates 75 years of youth
5 leadership and activism this year; and

6 WHEREAS, under the guidance of its first national youth director, Juanita Jackson Mitchell,
7 the NAACP Youth & College Division has been known as a strong presence in every aspect
8 of advancement of young people; and

9 WHEREAS, the NAACP Youth & College Division continues to inform youth of the
10 problems affecting African Americans and other racial and ethnic minorities; to advance the
11 economic, education, social, and political status of African Americans and other racial and
12 ethnic minorities and their harmonious cooperation with other peoples; to stimulate an
13 appreciation of the African Diaspora and the contribution of other people of color to
14 civilization; and to develop an intelligent, militant effective youth leadership; and

15 WHEREAS, the Atlanta University Center NAACP college chapters were instrumental in
16 the desegregation of Rich's Department stores in the 1960's; and

17 WHEREAS, the Savannah Youth Council participated in the wade-ins at Tybee Beach in the
18 1960's; and

19 WHEREAS, the Georgia State Youth & College Division has championed criminal justice
20 and was instrumental in the Marcus Dixon and Genarlow Wilson prayer vigils and release
21 rallies; and

22 WHEREAS, the Georgia Youth & College Division rallied a delegation to Biloxi,
23 Mississippi, during the aftermath of Katrina in 2005; and

24 WHEREAS, the NAACP Georgia State Youth & College Division continues to fight in the
25 areas of educational equity, economic empowerment, juvenile justice, civic engagement, and
26 health advocacy; and

27 WHEREAS, the NAACP's state conferences, branches, youth councils, high school chapters,
28 and college chapters across the country will also participate in this 75th anniversary
29 celebration; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of this fine
31 organization and its numerous contributions to the citizens of this state be appropriately
32 recognized.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body recognize the National Association for the Advancement of
35 Colored People Youth & College Division for its dedication to uplifting young African
36 Americans and congratulate its members on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the NAACP Youth &
39 College Division.