

House Resolution 188

By: Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st, Glaize of the 67th, Crawford of the 89th, and Olaleye of the 59th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the NAACP National Office; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the NAACP National Office was founded on February 12, 1909, and its
3 network has since grown to more than 2,000 branches of adults, youth, and college members,
4 serving as an organization seeking justice and equality; and

5 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body recognize those
6 organizations that have rendered outstanding service for the betterment of our communities;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the NAACP is one such organization, through which many cities across the
9 United States have witnessed excellence in education, business, public policies, and political
10 representation achieved by hundreds of thousands of its dedicated members; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1941, Dr. Ralph Mark Gilbert, Pastor of the First African Baptist Church of
12 Savannah, convened about ten branches including Savannah, Brunswick, Dublin, Atlanta,
13 Columbus, Macon, Albany, and about three others to form the NAACP Georgia State
14 Conference, which quickly grew to 40 branches and one college chapter; and

15 WHEREAS, the NAACP Georgia State Conference has now grown to 134 adult branches
16 and 183 youth and college division units led by its executive committee and general
17 membership under the direction of Georgia NAACP President Attorney Gerald Griggs,
18 National NAACP Board Members Edward DuBose and David Walker, and Executive
19 Director Tonza S. Thomas; and

20 WHEREAS, today, as the NAACP National Office celebrates its 116th year, it is abundantly
21 fitting and proper to honor its continued fight for social justice to ensure that racial hatred
22 and discrimination are eradicated from our society.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize and commend the NAACP National Office upon the
25 grand occasion of its 116th anniversary and extend sincere best wishes for continued success.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
28 NAACP National Office.