

House Resolution 1190

By: Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st, Willis of the 55th, Crawford of the 89th, and Olaleye of the 59th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 117th Founders Day of the NAACP; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is
3 celebrating its 117th Founders Day, recognizing their commitment to justice, equality, and
4 the upliftment of African Americans; and

5 WHEREAS, the founding of the NAACP on February 12, 1909, was a pivotal moment in
6 American history, sparked by a call to action led by Mary White Ovington, Oswald Garrison
7 Villard, William English Walling, and Dr. Henry Moscowitz, all descendants of famous
8 abolitionists; and

9 WHEREAS, these visionary leaders, alongside W. E. B. Du Bois, Ida B. Wells-Barnett, and
10 Mary Church Terrell convened to address the urgent need for racial justice in the United
11 States, bringing together diverse voices, united in their fight against racial discrimination and
12 inequality; and

13 WHEREAS, Mary White Ovington, a descendant of the abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison,
14 and Oswald Garrison Villard, a descendant of the prominent abolitionist and journalist, both
15 played key roles in founding the NAACP, committing themselves to the cause of civil rights

16 and social justice, and contributing to the organization's early activism and efforts to combat
17 racial injustice; and

18 WHEREAS, William English Walling and Dr. Henry Moscowitz, whose call to convene the
19 first meeting to address the violence and discrimination faced by African Americans, helped
20 catalyze the creation of an organization that would later grow into one of the most powerful
21 advocates for civil rights in American history; and

22 WHEREAS, the contributions of W. E. B. Du Bois, a pioneering scholar and activist, and Ida
23 B. Wells-Barnett, a fearless anti-lynching crusader, were indispensable to the formation of
24 the NAACP, providing intellectual leadership and moral clarity in the struggle for racial
25 justice. Likewise, Mary Church Terrell's advocacy for women's rights and African-American
26 equality remains a cornerstone of the organization's foundational values, and

27 WHEREAS, the Georgia NAACP, throughout its storied history, has been at the forefront
28 of advocating for civil rights, ensuring equitable access to education, healthcare,
29 employment, and housing for all people regardless of race, and fostering political, social, and
30 economic justice; and

31 WHEREAS, the work of the Georgia NAACP, from organizing protests to engaging in
32 litigation, lobbying, and public education, has been instrumental in dismantling the structures
33 of segregation and discrimination, paving the way for future generations to continue the fight
34 for racial justice and equality; and

35 WHEREAS, the 117th Founders Day honors the resilience, courage, and tireless efforts of
36 the individuals who have contributed to this movement, past and present, and renews the

37 commitment to carrying forward their vision of a world in which all people can live in
38 dignity and without fear of discrimination; and

39 WHEREAS, the Georgia NAACP continues to stand resolutely against systemic racism and
40 injustice, pushing for transformative change in our laws, policies, and institutions, striving
41 to create a future of equal opportunities for all, regardless of race or background; and

42 WHEREAS, on this special day, we reflect on the ongoing need for the NAACP's work,
43 acknowledging both the progress we have made and the work that remains to achieve true
44 racial equality and justice in Georgia and across the nation.

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
46 the members of this body commemorate the 117th Founders Day, recognizing the vision,
47 perseverance, and leadership of those who laid the foundation of the NAACP, and recommit
48 to advancing the cause of civil rights for all people in Georgia and beyond.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
50 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
51 Georgia NAACP.