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9 Pennartz, Pierce, Powers, Pyle, Rainey, Reep, J. Roebuck, Saunders, Shelby, L. Smith, Summers, Tyler,
10 Wagner, Webb, Wells, Williams, Wills, Woods, Word

11 By: Senator Steele

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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COMMEMORATING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE NATIONAL
16 ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
17 (NAACP).

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Subtitle

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COMMEMORATING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE
21 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT
22 OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP).

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WHEREAS, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
26 (NAACP), the nation's oldest civil rights organization, was formed on
27 February 12, 1909, to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic
28 equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial
29 discrimination; and

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WHEREAS, through one hundred (100) years of courageous dedication, the
32 NAACP has worked tirelessly to remove barriers of racial discrimination
33 through democratic processes, to seek enactment and enforcement of federal,
34 state, and local laws securing civil rights, and to secure justice in the
35 courts, education for children, employment according to ability, and complete
36 equality before law; and



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WHEREAS, from the NAACP's early years and throughout its illustrious history, the NAACP has provided unparalleled national leadership in causes that are fundamental to the freedom and equality of all Americans, such as the fight against segregation, the success of the Civil Rights Movement, the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the desegregation of public schools and institutions of higher education, including the historic 1954 Supreme Court decision Brown v. Board of Education, 347 U.S. 483 (1954), argued by Thurgood Marshall, who later became the first African-American Supreme Court justice, and the establishment of the Legal Defense and Educational Fund; and

WHEREAS, the people of this state, along with people across the nation and the world, benefit from the vision, service, and sacrifices of the founders and members of the NAACP who endeavor to ensure that this nation's principles of equality and justice are afforded to every citizen without regard to race, creed, nationality, or gender,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the General Assembly:

(1) Commemorates the centennial of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); and

(2) Honors the NAACP on the occasion of its anniversary for the unity and courage of people of all races, nationalities, and faiths united under the leadership of the NAACP to promote equality and justice for all.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Julian Bond, Chairman, and Benjamin Todd Jealous, President and Chief Executive Officer, of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Dale Charles, President of the Arkansas State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, requesting that they further disseminate copies of this resolution to their respective constituents so that they may be apprised of the sense of the Arkansas General Assembly in this matter.