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HOUSE MEMORIAL 37

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALBUQUERQUE
BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF
COLORED PEOPLE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, the Albuquerque branch of the national
association for the advancement of colored people, also known
as the NAACP, celebrated its one hundredth birthday on January
5, 2015; and

WHEREAS, nationally, the NAACP began in 1909, three years
before New Mexico became the forty-seventh state; and

WHEREAS, the Albuquerque branch, founded in 1915, is one
of the oldest chapters of the NAACP; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the NAACP is to ensure the
political, educational, social and economic equality of rights
of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination; and

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1 WHEREAS, the vision of the NAACP is to ensure a society in
2 which all individuals have equal rights without discrimination
3 based on race; and

4 WHEREAS, the NAACP seeks to remove barriers of racial
5 discrimination through democratic processes, to inform the
6 public of the adverse effects of racial discrimination and to
7 seek the elimination of racial discrimination; and

8 WHEREAS, the NAACP further seeks the enactment and
9 enforcement of federal, state and local laws securing civil
10 rights; and

11 WHEREAS, Harold Bailey, Ph.D., president of the NAACP
12 Albuquerque branch, has stated that there must be a collective
13 strategy to address common adverse situations and has pledged
14 to work with other groups to form partnerships and coalitions
15 to address similar problems; and

16 WHEREAS, the NAACP's leadership and perseverance in
17 protecting individuals against hate crimes and civil rights
18 violations has greatly benefited the Albuquerque community; and

19 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque branch of the NAACP
20 administration is committed to enhancing the rich history of
21 the Albuquerque branch and to working with unity and purpose;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
23 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the Albuquerque
24 branch of the national association for the advancement of
25 colored people be recognized for its dedication and commitment

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1 to social justice on its one hundredth anniversary; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
3 transmitted to the president of the Albuquerque branch of the
4 NAACP.

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