

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the NAACP further seeks the enactment and
enforcement of federal, state and local laws securing civil

rights; and

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the Albuquerque branch of the national association for the advancement of colored people be recognized for its dedication and commitment to social justice on its one hundredth anniversary; and

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