

105TH CONGRESS
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H. CON. RES. 231

Recognizing the National Black Law Students Association for its role in the professional development of law students, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 3, 1998

Mr. HILLIARD submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas, in 1968, A.J. Cooper, LeSeur Stewart, Joseph Porter III, Ronald Mitchell, Robert Holmes, and Barry Robinson recognized the need for an organization that would be responsive to the needs of black law students;

Whereas, determined to rock the foundation upon which the traditional legal system rested while focusing specifically on issues relevant to black law students and the black community at large, these visionaries founded the Black American Law Students Association;

Whereas, in the spring of 1969, 30 chapters of the Black American Law Students Association met in Chicago, Illinois, for the Association's inaugural convention;

Whereas the holding of a Black Law Students Association convention became an annual tradition and an important forum in which black law students nationwide could discuss a variety of legal and social issues concerning the black community;

Whereas, in 1983, the word “American” was removed from the Association’s name in order to include all blacks, not just black American citizens;

Whereas the Association is now known as the National Black Law Students Association;

Whereas there are more than 200 chapters of the National Black Law Students Association, representing nearly 7,000 law students throughout the United States, including Puerto Rico;

Whereas, as the primary organization dedicated to black law students across America, the National Black Law Students Association continues to encourage excellence and success among black law students by providing scholarships and job opportunities for current and future law students;

Whereas the National Black Law Students Association sponsors a national moot court competition and numerous community service projects which benefit the Black community and the Nation as a whole;

Whereas, on March 25, 1998, in Boston Massachusetts, the National Black Law Students Association will hold its 29th Annual Convention; and

Whereas 1998 represents the 30th anniversary of the founding of the association that became the National Black Law Students Association: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3 (1) recognizes the valuable role played by the
4 National Black Law Students Association in the
5 professional development of thousands of law stu-
6 dents; and

7 (2) shares the sentiment expressed in the Na-
8 tional Black Law Students Association’s 30th anni-
9 versary theme, “Three decades of excellence: con-
10 tinuing into the next millennium”.

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