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Commending and praising the National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People on the occasion of its 90th anniversary.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL (for himself, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Ms. KILPATRICK, Ms. CHRISTIAN-CHRISTENSEN, Mr. FORD, Ms. LEE, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Mr. RUSH, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. OWENS, Mr. FATTAH, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. WYNN, Mr. CLAY, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. GONZALEZ) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Commending and praising the National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its
90th anniversary.

Whereas the National Association for the Advancement of
Colored People was formed on February 12, 1909, in
New York City by a group of 60 black and white citizens
committed to helping to right social injustices and renew
the struggle for civil and political liberty;

Whereas the National Association for the Advancement of
Colored People recruited a distinguished group of black

leaders in the struggle for civil rights, such as W.E.B. Dubois and Ida Wells-Barnett;

Whereas the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is the oldest and largest civil rights organization in the United States;

Whereas the principal objective of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality for all citizens of the United States;

Whereas the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is committed to achieving its goals through nonviolence and relies upon the press, the petition, the ballot, and the courts, and has been persistent in the use of legal and moral persuasion, even in the face of overt and violent racial hostility;

Whereas the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has been active through political pressure, marches, demonstrations, and effective lobbying and has served as the voice, as well as the shield for minority Americans;

Whereas the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, through the leadership of legal advocates like Thurgood Marshall, obtained constitutional guarantees of full citizenship rights for minority Americans through the courts and ended segregation in schools through civil rights cases such as *Brown v. Board of Education*; and

Whereas the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was also prominent in lobbying for the passage of the Civil Rights Acts of 1957, 1960, and 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and the Fair Hous-

ing Rights Act of 1968, laws which ensured Government protection for legal victories achieved: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That on the occasion of the 90th anniversary
 3 of the historic founding of the National Association for
 4 the Advancement of Colored People, the Congress com-
 5 mends and praises the National Association for the Ad-
 6 vancement of Colored People for working to ensure the
 7 political, educational, social, and economic equality of mi-
 8 nority group citizens of the United States.

