



H.Con.Res. 289 – Honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 99th anniversary

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Con.Res. 289 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Al Green(D-TX) on February 7, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary on February 7, 2008, but was never considered.

H.Con.Res. 289 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on February 13, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Con.Res. 289 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Recognizes the 99th anniversary of the historic founding of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; and
- Honors and praises the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its anniversary for its work to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of all persons.

BACKGROUND

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was originally known as the National Negro Committee, and was founded in New York City on February 12, 1909 by a multiracial group of activists. Among the founding members of the NAACP were Ida Wells-Barnett, W.E.B. DuBois, Henry Moscowitz, Mary White Ovington, Oswald Garrison Villiard, and William English Walling.

The mission of the NAACP is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons, and to eliminate racially based hatred and discrimination. The NAACP is committed to achieving its goals through nonviolence and is the oldest and largest civil rights organization in the United States.

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