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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 122 Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY DINNIMAN, WASHINGTON, ARGALL, BOSCOLA, EARLL, ERICKSON, FARNESE, FERLO, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, HUGHES, KITCHEN, LEACH, MUSTO, ORIE, PILEGGI, RAFFERTY, STOUT, TARTAGLIONE, WAUGH, M. WHITE, WILLIAMS AND WONDERLING, MAY 6, 2009

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MAY 6, 2009

A RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the first conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

WHEREAS, As the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), initially known as the National Negro Committee, was formed as a result of mob-incited race riots in Springfield, Illinois, the home of Abraham Lincoln, during the summer of 1908; and

WHEREAS, The NAACP's stated goal was to secure for all people the rights guaranteed in the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments to the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, On May 31, 1909, the NAACP held its first-ever conference at the United Charities Building in New York City; and

WHEREAS, The first conference planted the seeds of an organization that today includes more than 300,000 members; and

WHEREAS, For 100 years, the NAACP has fought to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination; and

WHEREAS, The NAACP has changed the history of America and this Commonwealth; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate commemorate the centennial of the first conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Senate honor and extend its appreciation to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for its century-long commitment to justice and equal protection under the law for all citizens of the United States.