

House Resolution 1343

By: Representative Howard of the 129<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Augusta-Richmond County Branch of the NAACP; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Augusta-Richmond County Branch of the NAACP was founded on March  
4 12, 1917, and it has since served the Augusta community for 107 years; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1908, a deadly race riot rocked the City of Springfield; eruptions of  
6 anti-black violence—particularly lynching—were horrifically commonplace, but the  
7 Springfield riot was the final tipping point that led to the creation of the National Association  
8 for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); and

9 WHEREAS, the real story of the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization lies in  
10 the hearts and minds of all those who refused to stand idly while race prejudice tarnished our  
11 nation. From bold investigations of mob brutality and protests of mass murders to testimony  
12 before congressional committees on the vicious tactics used to bar African Americans from  
13 the ballot box, it was the talent and tenacity of NAACP members that saved lives and laid  
14 the foundation upon which our fight for racial justice and equity is built; and

15 WHEREAS, the NAACP's top priorities were to eradicate lynching, wage legislative battles,  
16 gather and publish crucial statistics, organize mass protests, and produce artistic material, all  
17 in the name of bringing an end to the violence; and

18 WHEREAS, the mission and vision of the Augusta-Richmond County Branch of the NAACP  
19 mirrors the State of Georgia. The mission of the Augusta-Richmond County Branch is to  
20 secure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights in order to eliminate  
21 race-based discrimination and ensure the health and well-being of all persons; and

22 WHEREAS, the vision of the Augusta-Richmond County Branch of the NAACP is to ensure  
23 a society in which all individuals have equal rights without discrimination based on race; and

24 WHEREAS, in alignment with its mission and vision statements, the Augusta-Richmond  
25 County Branch of the NAACP focuses its efforts, programs, and initiatives on continuing the  
26 fight to secure JUSTICE for ALL.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body recognize and commend the Augusta-Richmond County Branch  
29 of the NAACP for its more than a century of service to racial equality and extend sincere best  
30 wishes for continued growth, development, and success.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
33 Augusta-Richmond County Branch of the NAACP.