

1 [Celebrating the Centennial of the NAACP.]

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3 **Resolution celebrating the centennial of the NAACP.**

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5 WHEREAS, A multiracial group of activists founded the National Association for the
6 Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) on February 12th, 1909; and

7 WHEREAS, For one hundred years, the NAACP has been in the forefront of civil rights
8 advocacy and has earned its place in American history as the single most important civil rights
9 organization in the nation; and,

10 WHEREAS, The NAACP has successfully lobbied for changes in politics, employment,
11 education, public accommodations, health and housing and has helped pave for the way for
12 the continued advancement of racial equality; and,

13 WHEREAS, In 1982, the San Francisco chapter of the NAACP filed a lawsuit against
14 the San Francisco Unified School District, which led the SFUSD to revise their admission
15 policies in an attempt to reduce racial segregation and close the achievement gap between
16 different racial populations; and,

17 WHEREAS, In 2008, the NAACP selected Benjamin Todd Jealous as their new
18 president; and,

19 WHEREAS, Benjamin Todd Jealous is a Northern California native who was previously
20 president of the Rosenberg Foundation, a San Francisco-based civil and human rights
21 advocacy organization; and,

22 WHEREAS, By selecting Benjamin Todd Jealous, age thirty-five, as their president, the
23 NAACP has shown a commitment to engaging younger generations in their ongoing and
24 evolving work to ensure political, educational, social, and economic equality for all citizens;
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9 WHEREAS In this year when our country celebrated the inauguration of Barack
10 Obama, our first African American president, it is fitting to recognize the work the NAACP has
11 accomplished in reducing institutional racism and promoting racial tolerance that helped make
12 President Obama's landmark election possible; now, therefore, be it,

13 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
14 commends the NAACP on their centennial anniversary for their invaluable contributions to the
15 betterment of American society and wishes them continued success in their second century.

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