

## 2021 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 305

*Commending the Winchester Area branch of the NAACP.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 8, 2021

WHEREAS, the Winchester Area branch of the NAACP works to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1909 and headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland, the NAACP is one of the nation's leading civil rights organizations, with more than 500,000 members and countless supporters; and

WHEREAS, the Winchester Area branch of the NAACP, local chapter 7127, represents the City of Winchester and the Counties of Frederick and Clarke and currently has more than 100 members; and

WHEREAS, the Winchester Area branch of the NAACP has worked with the United Way of the Northern Shenandoah Valley to hold community forums on topics related to racial justice, criminal justice reform, and education and health care inequities; and

WHEREAS, the Winchester Area branch of the NAACP supported a thriving democracy in the Commonwealth and the nation by conducting voter registration drives throughout 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Winchester Area branch of the NAACP has been a valued leader as the community navigates the civil unrest of 2020 and looks to build a more peaceful and equitable future; and

WHEREAS, through tireless dedication and visionary leadership, the Winchester Area branch of the NAACP has helped to make the Commonwealth a wonderful place to live, work, and play; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Winchester Area branch of the NAACP hereby be commended for its efforts to advance racial and social equity and justice in the Commonwealth and beyond; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Michael Faison, president of the Winchester Area branch of the NAACP, as an expression of the House of Delegates' high esteem and admiration for the organization's contributions to the Commonwealth.

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