

## 2021 SESSION

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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 381

*Commending the Loudoun County branch of the NAACP.*

Agreed to by the Senate, February 4, 2021  
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 8, 2021

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County branch of the NAACP has worked to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination in the community for the past 80 years; and

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

WHEREAS, founded in 1940 by Marie Medley, the Loudoun County branch of the NAACP has long centered its efforts around the issue of education, with an early accomplishment being the establishment of Frederick Douglass High School in Loudoun County to provide better educational opportunities to African American youth in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County branch of the NAACP remains a forceful advocate for racial equity in public education and has inspired many elected officials to support policies to address systemic racism; and

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County branch of the NAACP supported a thriving democracy in the Commonwealth and the nation by conducting a series of marches to encourage voting and civic participation and by protesting voter suppression; and

WHEREAS, organizing rallies for racial justice and criminal justice reform, the Loudoun County 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 Loudoun County 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 Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Loudoun County branch of the NAACP 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 Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Loudoun County branch of the NAACP as an expression of the General Assembly's high esteem and admiration for the organization's contributions to the Commonwealth.

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