

2023 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 417

Commending the Stafford County Branch of the NAACP.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 24, 2023

WHEREAS, for 67 years, the Stafford County Branch of the NAACP has worked to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights for all members of the community and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the Stafford County Branch of the NAACP was established at Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church in 1956, with Frank White, Sr., as its first president; and

WHEREAS, Yolanda Roussell currently serves as the 11th president of the Stafford County Branch of the NAACP and has increased membership and financial stability and promoted many community events, both virtual and in-person, during her tenure; and

WHEREAS, during the past several years, the Stafford County Branch of the NAACP has participated in numerous events to fulfill its vital mission, including Stafford Night Out, fundraisers and holiday events, political forums, a virtual panel discussion on racism and men's mental health, and a virtual town hall on the inclusion of Black History education; and

WHEREAS, the Stafford County Branch of the NAACP also recently formed the WIN (Women in the NAACP) Committee to promote and empower local women leaders; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Stafford County Branch of the NAACP hosted a celebration of Juneteenth that attracted more than 1,000 attendees and was sponsored by local agencies, businesses, and other community organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Stafford County Branch of the NAACP has significantly enhanced the quality of life in Stafford County and continues to serve the community with dedication and integrity; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Stafford County Branch of the NAACP hereby be commended for 67 years of promoting political, educational, social, and economic equality and working to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Yolanda Roussell, president of the Stafford County Branch of the NAACP, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's contributions to the Stafford County community and the Commonwealth.

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