

2023 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 440

Commending the Stafford County Branch NAACP Youth Council.

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

WHEREAS, the Stafford County Branch NAACP Youth Council, an organization that strives to inspire an appreciation for Black culture, advance civil rights for minority groups, give back to the community through service, and foster effective youth leadership, has greatly served the community for many years; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 1909, a group of citizens committed to social justice founded the NAACP, and 27 years later, after young people challenged the organization to provide youth with a vehicle to address civil rights, the organization's Youth and College Division was created; and

WHEREAS, as a part of the NAACP Youth and College Division, the Stafford NAACP Youth Council supports the NAACP's mission "to achieve equity, political rights, and social inclusion by advancing policies and practices that expand human and civil rights, eliminate discrimination, and accelerate the well-being, education, and economic security of Black people and all persons of color"; and

WHEREAS, in the past two years, the Stafford NAACP Youth Council has worked to accomplish these goals through various events and initiatives, including by organizing and executing food distributions that have provided more than 15,000 pounds of food to families in need; and

WHEREAS, the Stafford NAACP Youth Council has organized voter registrations, vaccine drives, toy collections for the United States Marine Corps' yearly Toys for Tots program, and food collections for a local food pantry where members volunteer monthly; and

WHEREAS, the Stafford NAACP Youth Council has partnered with myriad organizations to provide programs that educate the public about Black history, mental health, the political process, and other important issues; and

WHEREAS, members of the Stafford NAACP Youth Council ensure that their voices are heard by sending emails to or by speaking before the Stafford County Board of Supervisors regarding issues that affect them; and

WHEREAS, the Stafford NAACP Youth Council continues to empower youths by reinforcing the importance of public service and activism; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Stafford County Branch NAACP Youth Council hereby be commended for its legacy of service in the community; and, be it

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

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