



*National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
Howard County, Maryland Branch*

Resolution Memorializing Mrs. Natalie W. Woodson



WHEREAS, On January 1, 2008, Howard County, Maryland and the state of Maryland lost an exceptional lady with an untiring spirit of volunteering her time, expertise and resources to help others. Natalie Woodson lived with grace, dignity and integrity. She spent her time on Earth serving others; and

WHEREAS, Natalie Woodson a resident of Howard County since 1971 and

WHEREAS, Natalie Woodson served as the 1st Vice President of the Howard County, Maryland Branch NAACP and served on the Executive Committee since 1987 who served as the solid rock in the organization for over the past twenty years and

WHEREAS, some of her major accomplishments included an increase in membership, the continuation of successful Freedom Fund Raisers and instrumental in recruiting Voter Registrations and NAACP Memberships and

WHEREAS, Natalie Woodson served as the Education Committee Chair since 1987 and spent thousands of hours responding to the needs of parents and students and

WHEREAS, Natalie Woodson spent her career as an educator in the Baltimore public school system as a demonstration teacher, senior teacher, supervising teacher, assistant principal and principal for over a thirty-year period and

WHEREAS, Natalie Woodson was a drum major for justice and initiated the Stay in School – Back to School program in Howard County by providing school supplies to hundreds of children in need across the county and

WHEREAS, Her pioneering endeavors as a leader for civil rights are especially praiseworthy because of her commitment to all children. In the Maryland Coast Dispatch newspaper, the editor quoted Mrs. Natalie Woodson as saying “Our emphasis is on the most needy, African-American students, but we address all students. Children are children irrespective of their color, race, nationality, creed or whatever and

WHEREAS, Natalie Woodson spearheaded the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Brown vs. Board of Education in Howard County and

WHEREAS, Natalie Woodson served as the Editor of the Branch Newsletter, *The Commitment* where she was responsible for writing, editing and distribution of the newsletter to the entire branch membership and

WHEREAS, Natalie Woodson was a fully paid Golden Life Heritage Life Member in the NAACP and

WHEREAS, Natalie Woodson implemented the Life Membership Gala to raise funds for scholarships to support local high school students and

WHEREAS, through her invaluable efforts with the NAACP and immeasurable contributions to benefit the county and the State of Maryland by developing the Report Card of all public schools in the state of Maryland and

WHEREAS, Natalie Woodson’s hard work, commitment, ingenuity and devotion to her profession will continue to contribute to our county and our state for years to come and

WHEREAS, It would be inconceivable to overstate the contributions of Natalie Woodson to the people of this county and this state and impossible to express the depth of gratitude she deserves; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Officers and Members of the Howard County, Maryland NAACP convey their sympathies and condolences to the family of Natalie Woodson and express their sincerest gratitude and gratefulness for her accomplishments in breaking down barriers in order to improve our educational systems across the county and the state of Maryland.

RESOLVED that the name of Natalie Woodson be enrolled in the NAACP Hall of Honor as an exemplary freedom fighter worthy of emulation by all.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jenkins Odoms, Jr., President
January 7, 2008