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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, OCTOBER
3, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the important working relationship between the
2 National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL) and the
3 National Black Police Association (NBPA).

4 WHEREAS, The National Black Caucus of State Legislators
5 (NBCSL) is comprised of more than 600 African-American state
6 legislators and representatives from more than 120 corporations
7 and labor unions across the country; and

8 WHEREAS, The NBCSL serves as a national network and
9 clearinghouse for the discussion, dissemination and exchange of
10 ideas and information among African-American state legislators
11 and their staffs; and

12 WHEREAS, The NBCSL provides research, training and
13 educational services that help to improve the effectiveness and
14 quality of African-American state legislators and their staffs;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The NBCSL is a strong, united and effective advocate

1 for African-American state legislators and their constituencies
2 at the Federal level; and

3 WHEREAS, In November 1972, the National Black Police
4 Association (NBPA) was chartered as a not-for-profit corporation
5 in the state of Illinois following a historic meeting in St.
6 Louis, Missouri, where 13 African American Peace Associations
7 were present at the meeting with representatives from over 20
8 cities across the country, including Philadelphia and
9 Pittsburgh; and

10 WHEREAS, The NBPA is a nationwide organization of African
11 American Police Associations dedicated to the promotion of
12 justice, fairness and effectiveness in law enforcement; and

13 WHEREAS, The NBPA serves as an advocate for minority police
14 officers and establishes a national network for the training and
15 education of all police officers and others interested in law
16 enforcement; and

17 WHEREAS, The NBPA was established to improve the relationship
18 between police departments and the minority communities and to
19 evaluate the effect of the policies and programs within the
20 criminal justice system upon the minority community; and

21 WHEREAS, The NBPA serves as a mechanism to recruit minority
22 police officers on a national scale and works toward police
23 reform in order to eliminate police corruption, police brutality
24 and racial discrimination; and

25 WHEREAS, Past and present members of the Pennsylvania General
26 Assembly and representatives from the Philadelphia Sheriff's
27 Office conducted a seminar at the Annual National Black Police
28 Association Conference discussing the necessity for the two
29 organizations of police officers and legislators to continue
30 working together for the sake of their communities; therefore be

1 it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
3 important working relationship between the National Black Caucus
4 of State Legislators (NBCSL) and the National Black Police
5 Association (NBPA); and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the National
7 Black Police Association and the National Black Caucus of State
8 Legislators to propose resolutions at their annual conferences
9 that state their ongoing commitment to a strong, dedicated,
10 working relationship; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the two
12 organizations' executive officers to continue to share and
13 exchange contact information and communicate with their
14 respective organization's membership and constituencies on a
15 regular basis; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and
17 honor the vital relationship between these two important
18 organizations.