

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 174

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** memorializing the President and Congress of the
2 United States to work together in a spirit of bipartisanship to achieve the
3 objectives of the President's Initiative on Race.

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5 **WHEREAS**, The population of the United States is becoming increasingly
6 diverse and in a half-century no racial group will be in the majority; and

7 **WHEREAS**, It is of great social and practical importance to harness the
8 diversity of the American community to improve the quality of life for all
9 Americans and create an economy that can engage in the global
10 marketplace; and

11 **WHEREAS**, The President has launched a historic year-long Initiative on Race
12 to present his vision of a stronger, more just and more united American
13 community offering opportunity and fairness for all Americans; and

14 **WHEREAS**, The President's Initiative on Race will examine the current and
15 future state of race relations, look at the laws and policies that can help
16 ensure that America remains unified, and enlist individuals, communities,
17 businesses and government at all levels in an effort to understand our
18 differences while appreciating the values that unite us; and

19 **WHEREAS**, As part of the President's Initiative on Race an advisory board has
20 been appointed to counsel the President on the means to promote a
21 national dialogue on race issues; to increase our understanding of the
22 history and future of race relations; to identify and create plans to calm
23 racial tension and promote increased opportunity in education, housing and
24 health care; and to address crime and the administration of justice; and

25 **WHEREAS**, It is altogether fitting and proper and in the public interest for this
26 House to call upon the President and Congress to work

1 together to achieve the objectives of the President's Initiative on Race; now,
2 therefore,

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4 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

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6 1. The President and Congress of the United States are respectfully
7 memorialized to work together in a spirit of bipartisanship to achieve the
8 objectives of the President's Initiative on Race.

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10 2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of
11 the General Assembly and attested to by the Clerk thereof, shall be
12 transmitted to the President and Vice President of the United States, the
13 Majority Leader and the Minority Leader of the United States Senate, the
14 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority Leader
15 and the Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives and
16 every member of Congress elected from this State.

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STATEMENT

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21 This resolution memorializes the President and Congress of the United
22 States to work together in a spirit of bipartisanship to achieve the objectives
23 of the President's Initiative on Race. The President has launched a year long
24 Initiative on Race to present his vision of a stronger, more just and more united
25 American community offering opportunity and fairness for all Americans. The
26 American community is becoming increasingly diverse and in a half-century
27 no race will be in the majority. In order to improve the quality of life for all
28 Americans and create an economy that can engage in the global marketplace
29 the diversity of the American community must be harnessed. Accordingly, it
30 is essential that the President and Congress of the United States work together
31 in a spirit of bipartisanship so that the objectives of the President's Initiative on
32 Race can be achieved.

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38 objectives of the President's Initiative on Race.