

Whereas, the National Association of Real Estate Brokers was founded in 1947, making it the oldest minority trade association in America, and was formed out of a need to promote fair housing and equal opportunities for African American real estate professionals, consumers and communities.

Whereas, discrimination in housing was enforced through covenants and other legal means to deny African Americans access to communities across the country, and

Whereas, there were African Americans who were denied membership in local real estate boards, and

Whereas, local African American real estate groups were part of the National Business League founded by Booker T. Washington in the early 1900s, and

Whereas, two local African American real estate boards were founded in the 1920's, and

Whereas, on July 29, 1947, twelve real estate pioneers, eleven men and one woman, from seven states met and founded the National Association of Real Estate Brokers, and

Whereas, the National Association of Real Estate Brokers dedicated itself to the passage of fair housing laws including early local and state laws in New York and California, and

Whereas, the National Association of Real Estate Brokers continues to advocate for fairness and equality in housing and real estate, and provides a critical voice in promoting homeownership and business development in all communities,

Therefore Be it Resolved, this 19th day of May, 2012, that the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® hereby congratulates the National Association of Real Estate Brokers upon its 65th Anniversary, and

Be it further resolved that the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® recognizes the vision and dedication to our profession of the twelve founding members of NAREB,

Nannie Black, Detroit, MI,

Macco Crutcher, Detroit, MI,

Carleton Gains, Detroit, MI,

W. D. Morrison, Jr., Detroit MI,

O. B. Cobbins, Jackson, MS,

W.H. Hollins, Birmingham, AL,

George W. Powell, Jacksonville, FL,

J. R. Taylor, Miami, FL,

F. Henry Williams, Jacksonville, FL,

Horace Sudduth, Cincinnati, OH,

J. W. Sanford, Oklahoma City, OK, and

A. Maceo Smith, Dallas, TX, and

Be it further resolved that this resolution be presented to the National Association of Real Estate Brokers at its 65th Annual Convention in Cleveland, Ohio this August.