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Recognizing the contributions of Jibreel Khazan (Ezell Blair, Jr.), David Richmond, Joseph McNeil, and Franklin McCain, the “Greensboro Four”, to the civil rights movement.

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Whereas on February 1, 1960, Jibreel Khazan (Ezell Blair, Jr.), David Richmond, Joseph McNeil, and Franklin McCain, four African-American freshman students at North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University, walked into the F.W. Woolworth store in downtown Greensboro, North Carolina, and sat at the “whites only”

lunch counter, thereafter becoming known as the “Greensboro Four”;

Whereas the “Greensboro Four” were refused service but continued to sit at the lunch counter in nonviolent protest;

Whereas the sit-in by the “Greensboro Four” was an act of courage and conscience, and inspired sit-ins across North Carolina and the southern United States to protest racial segregation in public accommodations and in other areas of life;

Whereas the courageous protest of the “Greensboro Four” and all of the sit-in demonstrations made a critical contribution to the civil rights movement, leading to the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the integration of public accommodations; and

Whereas the civil rights movement made our nation more just and decent, and the courage and conscience of the “Greensboro Four” should inspire all Americans to act against injustice: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3 (1) applauds the valor and courageous efforts of
4 Jibreel Khazan (Ezell Blair, Jr.), David Richmond,
5 Joseph McNeil, and Franklin McCain, known as the
6 “Greensboro Four”; and

7 (2) encourages all Americans to remember the
8 contributions they made to the civil rights movement
9 and to conduct appropriate ceremonies, activities,

1 and programs to commemorate the sit-in of the
2 “Greensboro Four”.

Passed the House of Representatives February 15,
2005.

Attest:

Clerk.