

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 571 Session of
2006

INTRODUCED BY PARKER, KIRKLAND, D. EVANS, MYERS, BISHOP, CRUZ, JAMES, OLIVER, THOMAS, WHEATLEY, WATERS, WILLIAMS, YOUNGBLOOD, BALDWIN, BASTIAN, BELARDI, BLAUM, BUNT, BUXTON, CAPPELLI, CAUSER, COHEN, CORRIGAN, COSTA, CRAHALLA, CREIGHTON, CURRY, DALEY, DALLY, DENLINGER, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, FABRIZIO, FAIRCHILD, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GEORGE, GINGRICH, GOOD, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HARPER, HERSHEY, HESS, KAUFFMAN, KENNEY, KOTIK, LEACH, LEDERER, LEVDANSKY, MANDERINO, MANN, MCGEEHAN, MELIO, MICOZZIE, MILLARD, MUNDY, NAILOR, O'NEILL, PALLONE, PHILLIPS, PISTELLA, RAMALEY, REED, REICHLEY, RIEGER, RUBLEY, SAINATO, SANTONI, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SHANER, SHAPIRO, LEWIS, B. SMITH, SOLOBAY, STETLER, SURRA, TANGRETTI, TIGUE, VEON, WALKO, WATSON, WOJNAROSKI AND YUDICHAK, FEBRUARY 1, 2006

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 1, 2006

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing condolences on the passing of Coretta Scott King, the
2 wife and widow of the civil rights leader Rev. Dr. Martin
3 Luther King, Jr., at the age of 78.

4 WHEREAS, Coretta Scott King was born on April 27, 1927, in
5 Perry County, Alabama; and

6 WHEREAS, Coretta Scott King courageously stood by her
7 husband, family and community in the face of grave threats,
8 intimidation and assault; and

9 WHEREAS, Coretta Scott King continued the legacy of her
10 husband by founding the Martin Luther King, Jr., Center for
11 Nonviolent Social Change after the assassination of the Rev. Dr.
12 Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

1 WHEREAS, Coretta Scott King tirelessly advocated for the
2 recognition of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday
3 as a national holiday out of respect for his contributions to
4 the civil rights movement; and

5 WHEREAS, Coretta Scott King remained an active civil rights
6 leader throughout her entire life, speaking out against the
7 prevalence of violence in our society, especially in inner
8 cities and other urban areas, and working to provide hope and
9 positive alternatives in America's poorest communities; and

10 WHEREAS, Coretta Scott King has left behind a family of
11 leaders for the ongoing quest for civil rights and the
12 realization of her husband's dream that one day that they and
13 everyone else in the United States will be "judged by the
14 content of their character" and not "by the color of their
15 skin"; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives extend its
17 condolences to the King family over the death of their
18 matriarch, Coretta Scott King; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate and
20 honor the life of Coretta Scott King and the principles of
21 charity, justice and tolerance that she used to steadfastly
22 combat the social ills of racism, ignorance and poverty in our
23 society.