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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Ronald G. Waters

SUBJECT: Request for Co-Sponsorship

DATE: July 29, 2011

In the near future, I will be introducing a condolence resolution honoring the life and contributions of Mrs. Edythe Scott Bagley, who sadly passed away on June 11, 2011, at the age of 86.

The older sister of Coretta Scott King and the sister-in-law of Martin Luther King, Jr., Mrs. Edythe Scott Bagley was a scholar, an educator, and a civil rights activist. A trailblazer in her own right, Mrs. Bagley was the first African American student to attend Antioch College in the modern era, as well as was the first African American woman to earn her terminal masters of fine arts degree from Boston University.

A true academic, Edythe Scott Bagley taught and instructed at several colleges and universities across the nation, most notably at Cheyney University from 1971 through 1996. It was during her 26 year tenure at Cheyney University that she combined her passion for the theatre and her love for teaching to develop a theatre of arts major for the university in 1980.

Mrs. Edythe Scott Bagley was a staunch advocate of education and firm believer that knowledge is the pathway to empowerment and independence. As such, I wish to formally acknowledge and recognize Mrs. Edythe Scott Bagley for her unyielding advocacy and invaluable service as an educator.

If you wish to join me in co-sponsoring this resolution, please contact Danielle Bowers via email at dbowers@pahouse.net or by calling (717) 772-6955.