

House Resolution 376

By: Representatives Abdul-Salaam of the 74th, Brooks of the 63rd, Thomas of the 55th, Porter of the 143rd, Sinkfield of the 60th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Urging the Capitol Arts Standards Commission to authorize the placement of a portrait of
- 2 Ms. Coretta Scott King on the second floor of the state capitol building alongside the portrait
- 3 of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and for other purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, Coretta Scott was born on April 27, 1927, in Heiberger, Perry County,
- 5 Alabama, near Marion. She was the second of three children born to Obediah Scott, an
- 6 enterprising entrepreneur, and Bernice McMurray Scott; and in 1945, she enrolled at Antioch
- 7 College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, pursuing majors in music and education; and
- 8 WHEREAS, on June 18, 1953, Coretta Scott married Martin Luther King, Jr., with the
- 9 Reverend King, Sr., officiating at the wedding ceremony. Over the next ten years, the couple
- 10 welcomed four children into their family: Yolanda Denise, November 17, 1955, Martin
- 11 Luther III, October 23, 1957, Dexter Scott, January 30, 1961, and Bernice Albertine, March
- 12 28, 1963; and
- 13 WHEREAS, in 1956, when her first child was not even a year old, Mrs. King stood by her
- 14 husband's side as the Montgomery bus boycott began, and never did her support and
- 15 conviction waver, not when her house was bombed and not when her husband was jailed,
- 16 assaulted, and murdered for his commitment to human rights. She shared her husband's
- 17 steadfast commitment to seek peace and justice through nonviolent action and played a
- 18 leading role in advocating social change across the nation and throughout the world during
- 19 his lifetime and thereafter; and she continued to be a prominent voice in maintaining the
- 20 enduring legacy of her husband's dreams to the moment of her death; and
- 21 WHEREAS, while Dr. King is an undisputed hero of the movement, excelling in the
- 22 sincerity of his conviction, and his unwillingness to compromise in matters of nonviolence,
- 23 Mrs. King is a hero in her own right. Sadly, even though she has received many honors,
- 24 most "mainstream" Americans do not know of her accomplishments, her convictions, and
- 25 her tireless work on behalf of a free and equal society.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body urge the Capitol Arts Standards Commission to authorize the
3 placement of a portrait of Ms. Coretta Scott King on the second floor of the state capitol
4 building alongside the portrait of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
6 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Capitol Arts Standards
7 Commission.