

## House Resolution 1872

By: Representative Abdul-Salaam of the 74<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Coretta Scott King and dedicating a road in her honor; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Coretta Scott was born on April 27, 1927, in Heiberger, Perry County,  
4 Alabama, near Marion. She was the second of three children born to Obediah Scott, an  
5 enterprising entrepreneur, and Bernice McMurray Scott; and in 1945, she enrolled at Antioch  
6 College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, pursuing majors in music and education; and

7 WHEREAS, on June 18, 1953, Coretta Scott married Martin Luther King, Jr., with the  
8 Reverend King, Sr., officiating at the wedding ceremony. Over the next ten years, the couple  
9 welcomed four children into their family: Yolanda Denise, November 17, 1955, Martin  
10 Luther III, October 23, 1957, Dexter Scott, January 30, 1961, and Bernice Albertine, March  
11 28, 1963; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1956, when her first child was not even a year old, Mrs. King stood by her  
13 husband's side as the Montgomery bus boycott began, and never did her support and  
14 conviction waver, not when her house was bombed and not when her husband was jailed,  
15 assaulted, and murdered for his commitment to human rights. She shared her husband's  
16 steadfast commitment to seek peace and justice through nonviolent action and played a  
17 leading role in advocating social change across the nation and throughout the world during  
18 his lifetime and thereafter; and she continued to be a prominent voice in maintaining the  
19 enduring legacy of her husband's dreams to the moment of her death; and

20 WHEREAS, while Dr. King is an undisputed hero of the movement, excelling in the  
21 sincerity of his conviction, and his unwillingness to compromise in matters of nonviolence,  
22 Mrs. King is a hero in her own right. Sadly, even though she has received many honors,  
23 most "mainstream" Americans do not know of her accomplishments, her convictions, and  
24 her tireless work on behalf of a free and equal society; and

25 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting tribute to Coretta Scott King's memory  
26 and life of service to her country be established.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
28 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that this body hereby joins in honoring the life and memory of  
29 Coretta Scott King and dedicates the portion of State Route 85 in Clayton County from its  
30 intersection with I-75 to its intersection with State Route 54 as the Coretta Scott King  
31 Memorial Highway.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
33 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Coretta Scott King Memorial  
34 Highway.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Coretta Scott  
37 King and to the Department of Transportation.