



2005 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 78

February 14, 2006 - Introduced by Representatives YOUNG, A. WILLIAMS, GRIGSBY, FIELDS, TOLES, TURNER, HEBL, SHERMAN and RICHARDS. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** the life and public serve of Coretta Scott King.

2 Whereas, Coretta Scott King was the 2nd of 3 children born to Odadiah and
3 Bernice Scott, entering this world on April 27, 1927, in Marion, Alabama; and

4 Whereas, Coretta Scott King was an excellent student, graduating first in her
5 high school class, and then attending Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, and
6 the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, Massachusetts; and

7 Whereas, Coretta Scott King, in 1952, met a young Boston University theology
8 student, who, on their first date told her that she possessed the 4 things that he
9 thought important for a wife to have: "character, personality, intelligence, and
10 beauty"; and

11 Whereas, Coretta Scott King married Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on June 18,
12 1953, before 350 adoring wedding guests, thus commencing an extraordinary yet
13 brief, life journey together; and

14 Whereas, Coretta Scott King was the perfect partner to and constant
15 companion of her husband, Dr. King, exhibiting unparalleled fortitude, strength,

1 and calmness during the ordeals and tensions surrounding the Montgomery Bus
2 Boycott Movement; and

3 Whereas, Coretta Scott King and Dr. King were the proud parents of 4
4 remarkable children, Yolonda, Martin III, Dexter, and Bernice, who each, in turn, are
5 making significant contributions to society; and

6 Whereas, Coretta Scott King, following the shocking assassination of Dr. King
7 in 1968, elected not to shrink from public service, and instead embraced the legacy
8 of her late husband with unprecedented dignity, courage, and grace; and

9 Whereas, Coretta Scott King will be forever remembered as the architect and
10 driving force behind many worthwhile initiatives that include working relentlessly
11 to establish a national holiday for her slain husband, founding the King Center for
12 Nonviolent Social Change, and convening the New Coalition of Conscience, which
13 brings together 750 civil and human rights organizations; now, therefore, be it

14 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
15 Wisconsin legislature pay their respects to the late Mrs. Coretta Scott King for her
16 service and her lifelong dedication to the civil rights crusade, and her personal quest
17 to make America and the world a more humane and loving place.

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