## **2007 SENATE RESOLUTION 10**

February 27, 2008 – Introduced by Senators Taylor, Coggs, Lehman and Hansen. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1	<b>Relating to:</b> commending the public service of U.S. Representative Gwendolynne
2	Sophia Moore.
3	Whereas, Gwendolynne Sophia "Gwen" Moore was born on April 18, 1951, in
4	Racine, Wisconsin; and
5	Whereas, after completion of her primary education, she graduated from
6	Marquette University in Milwaukee with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political
7	science, despite living in poverty for much of her academic career; and
8	Whereas, after graduating, devoting herself to eliminating poverty in
9	Milwaukee's inner city she went to work as an organizer with Volunteers in Service
10	to America; and
11	Whereas, an active interest in community led her to help establish the Cream
12	City Community Development Credit Union in Milwaukee, a group dedicated to
13	financing projects that created jobs, cultivated local businesses, and contributed to
14	the development in Milwaukee's inner city; and

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1	Whereas, her interests included parity in treatment for all Wisconsin residents,
2	and she fought tirelessly to overcome systemic discrimination by instituting a review
3	of the Milwaukee Police Department for ignoring citizen complaints in Milwaukee's
4	inner city; and
5	Whereas, seeking to bring about meaningful changes to the circumstances of
6	members of her surrounding area, backed by a wave of community support, she was
7	elected to the Wisconsin state assembly in 1989 to represent Wisconsin's 18th
8	Assembly District; and
9	Whereas, in 1993, following two terms in the Wisconsin state assembly, she won
10	an unprecedented election to the Wisconsin state senate, serving two and a half
11	terms as Wisconsin's first African–American woman to be a state senator; and
12	Whereas, in 2004, she was elected to represent Wisconsin's 4th Congressional
13	District in the U.S. House of Representatives, becoming the first African–American
14	person and second woman to represent Wisconsin in Congress; and
15	Whereas, throughout her career as a legislator, she has labored on behalf of
16	women, minorities, small businesses, and the economically disadvantaged to provide
17	opportunities for growth; and
18	Whereas, the adoption of this senate resolution is supported not only by the
19	senate, but also by members of the assembly, including specifically Representatives
20	Sheridan, Schneider, Young, Grigsby, Sinicki, Mason, Fields, Benedict, Turner,
21	Kessler, and Hintz; now, therefore, be it
22	<b>Resolved by the senate, That</b> the senate of the state of Wisconsin honors the
23	contributions and public service of U.S. Representative Gwendolynne Sophia
24	"Gwen" Moore.

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