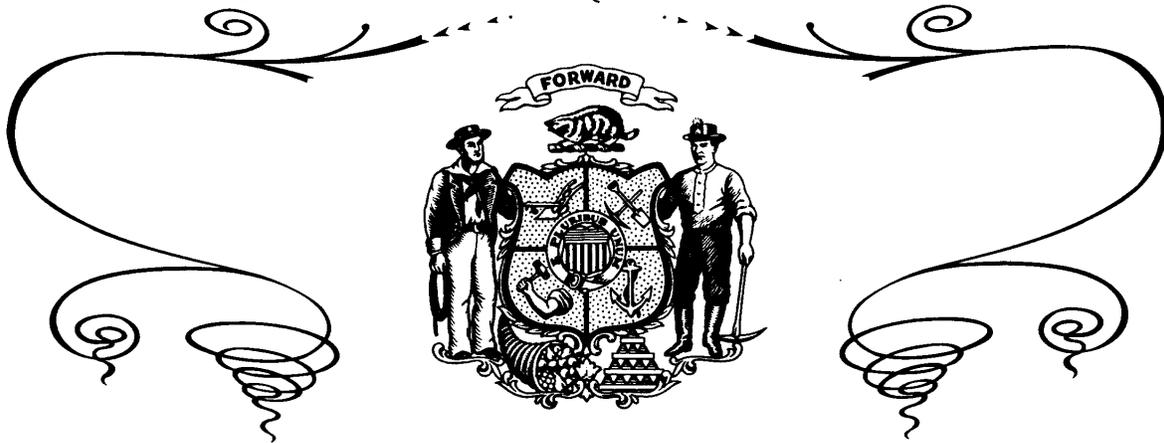


State of Wisconsin



2007 Senate Resolution 22

ENGROSSED RESOLUTION

Relating to: the life and public service of Representative Marcia P. Coggs.

Whereas, Representative Marcia P. Coggs served the city of Milwaukee and state of Wisconsin faithfully from 1976 until 1992 as a member of the assembly and was the first African–American woman elected to the legislature; and

Whereas, Representative Marcia P. Coggs, as a member of the Wisconsin State Assembly, was the first African–American to serve on the powerful Joint Committee on Finance; and

Whereas, Representative Marcia P. Coggs devoted her life to fighting for civil rights, fair housing, excellence in education, quality health care, and after retiring from the legislature continued fighting in her community with her motto of “helping the needy, and not the greedy”; and

Whereas, Representative Marcia P. Coggs helped to create a legacy of faith and political greatness through devotion to her church, Holy Redeemer Church of God in Christ, a legacy carried on in Wisconsin by her daughter, Supervisor Elizabeth Coggs–Jones, and in the state legislature by her nephews, Representative Leon Young and Senator Spencer Coggs; and

Whereas, the adoption of this senate resolution is supported not only by the senate, but also by members of the assembly, including specifically Representatives Soletski, Young, Grigsby, Turner, Zepnick, Sheridan, and Toles; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, That the members of the Wisconsin senate honor the life and legacy of Representative Marcia P. Cogg for her dedication to improving the quality of life for all citizens in Milwaukee and the state of Wisconsin.

State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin

Senator Fred A. Risser
President of the Senate

Date

Robert J. Marchant
Senate Chief Clerk