



**Dorothy Brown**  
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County

**RESOLUTION**



**WHEREAS**, Coretta Scott King graduated valedictorian from Lincoln High School in Marion, Alabama, received a bachelor's in music and education from Antioch College and earned a degree in voice and violin from Boston's New England Conservatory of Music; and

**WHEREAS**, Coretta Scott King, after marrying Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. on June 18, 1953, gave up her musical career to raise their four children: Yolanda Denise (1955), Martin Luther, III (1957), Dexter Scott (1961), and Bernice Albertine (1963); balanced civil rights movement work, speaking before church, civic, college, fraternal and peace groups; and

**WHEREAS**, Coretta Scott King functioned as liaison to peace and justice organizations, even prior to her husband's public stand against the Vietnam War in 1967, and as a mediator to public officials on behalf of the unheard; and

**WHEREAS**, Coretta Scott King, after her husband's assassination in 1968, founded the Atlanta-based Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change as a living memorial to her husband's life, where the largest archive of documents from the Civil Rights Movement are housed and tens of thousands of people are trained in Dr. King's philosophy and methods; and

**WHEREAS**, Coretta Scott King spearheaded the massive educational and lobbying campaign to establish Dr. King's birthday as a national holiday and chaired the Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Coretta Scott King spent the last five decades traveling throughout the world speaking out on behalf of racial and economic justice, women's and children's rights, gay and lesbian dignity, religious freedom, the needs of the poor and homeless, full-employment, health care, educational opportunities, nuclear disarmament and ecological sanity; and

**WHEREAS**, Coretta Scott King will be missed by millions of people worldwide and remembrances of her sacrifice, faithfulness and strength will live on in our hearts and in human history.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, official keeper of records for all judicial matters brought into the Cook County court system, do hereby salute the life of Coretta Scott King and may her memory be cherished forever.

Dated this 31st day of January 2006.



Humbly Submitted,

A handwritten signature of Dorothy Brown in black ink.

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