

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Coretta Scott King.

2 WHEREAS, Coretta Scott King, born to Bernice McMurry Scott and Obadiah Scott
3 on April 27, 1927, in Marion, Alabama, endured the injustice, discrimination, and
4 humiliation of racial segregation by, among other things, having to walk five miles each
5 day to attend the one-room, all-black Crossroad Elementary School, while white students
6 road buses to a closer, all-white elementary school; and

7 WHEREAS, Coretta Scott King graduated from Lincoln Normal School, where she
8 was valedictorian of her class; received a scholarship from Antioch College in Yellow
9 Springs, Ohio, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in music; and received a
10 scholarship to study concert singing at the New England Conservatory of Music in
11 Boston, Massachusetts, where she earned a degree in voice and violin; and

12 WHEREAS, Coretta Scott King and Martin Luther King Jr. met at Boston
13 University and were subsequently married on June 18, 1953, and to that union four
14 children were born: Yolanda Denise King, Martin Luther King III, Dexter Scott King, and
15 Bernice Albertine King; and

16 WHEREAS, Coretta Scott King served throughout her life as a fearless civil rights
17 leader, supporting her husband in his endeavors and finding ways to put her musical gifts
18 and talent to service the cause of civil rights by creating and performing a series of
19 critically acclaimed Freedom Concerts, which combined poetry, narration, and music to
20 tell the story of the civil rights movement; and

21 WHEREAS, Coretta Scott King continued to be an advocate for equality late into
22 her life, opposing racial and economic injustices and speaking openly and passionately
23 about women's and children's rights, lesbian and gay dignity, religious freedom, the needs
24 of the poor and homeless, health care, and AIDS/HIV prevention; and

25 WHEREAS, Coretta Scott King departed this earthly life on January 30, 2006, and
26 in rightful celebration of her many accomplishments, the members of this honorable body
27 stand on this day in reflection of her indelible legacy. It is further appropriate that all

1 those who believe in equality and justice; those who espouse that all Americans,
2 regardless of the color of their skin, their gender, or their sexual orientation, should be
3 given the dignity and respect afforded by God; and those who contend that the dream of
4 equal rights for all still lives in each one of us acknowledge the profound contributions of
5 Coretta Scott King to the human race;

6 NOW, THEREFORE,

7 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
8 *Kentucky:*

9 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby honor Coretta Scott King, the
10 First Lady of Civil Rights, for her profound contributions to this great nation, and
11 acknowledge the lasting legacy of compassion, advocacy, and activism she left behind.

12 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and eternal
13 gratitude of Coretta Scott King.

14 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
15 Resolution to Senator Gerald A. Neal for delivery.