

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE
RESOLUTION 1063

By: Shelton

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution honoring the inspirational life of Coretta Scott King; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Coretta Scott King born and raised in rural Alabama, April 27, 1927, was an inspirational figure and a woman of great strength, grace, and dignity who came to personify not only the ideals for which her husband fought, but also made those ideals a part of herself and the life she lived; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. King devoted her energy to carrying on the message of nonviolence and the work of her husband to create a United States in which all people have equal rights; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. King was instrumental in seeing that the birthday of her husband, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was honored as a Federal holiday, an occasion first marked in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. King traveled to every corner of the United States and the globe to speak out on behalf of a number of important issues, including racial and economic justice, the rights of women and children, religious freedom, full employment, health care, and education and received the congressional gold medal for her invaluable contributions to the United States as a leader of the civil rights movement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives mourns the loss of a civil rights icon and one of the most influential Americans in history, Mrs. Coretta Scott King.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives admires her lifelong commitment to civil rights, religious freedom, and democracy movements' worldwide.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the family of Coretta Scott King.

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