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## **National Medical Association Mourns the Passing of Coretta Scott King, A Civil and Human Rights Icon**

Washington, DC, February 3, 2006 ... “Our deep condolences go out to the family of Coretta Scott King, a civil and human rights icon whose poise, grace, and quiet dignity helped to institutionalize the memory of her late husband, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,” said Sandra L. Gadson, M.D., President of the National Medical Association.

“Mrs. King epitomized strength and perseverance during the difficult struggle for civil rights. Following his death, she remained committed to her late husband’s vision and played a pivotal role in designating January 15<sup>th</sup> a national holiday to assure the nation of Dr. King’s enduring legacy.”

“As we mourn the passing of Mrs. King, may her indomitable spirit live on and inspire future generations,” stated Gadson.

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