

Washington, D.C.—Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D—Ore) issued the following statement late yesterday following the passing of civil rights leader Coretta Scott King. Blumenauer issued the statement as the House of Representatives was considering House Resolution 655, a resolution honoring her life and accomplishments.

“It is symbolic that Coretta Scott King died on the 141st Anniversary of the 13th amendment to the Constitution, which abolished slavery. The passage of this amendment by two votes during the Civil War reminds us that the fight against racial discrimination and for human dignity has been a pitched battle throughout our history.”

“Coretta Scott King was in the forefront of the revolution of progress and heartbreak. She will be remembered, not just as the widow of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., but as a woman of great courage and dignity in her own right, whose role in the civil rights movement is only now being fully appreciated. I join with the nation in extending condolences to the King family and in honoring the life of Coretta Scott King.”