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Statement by Connecticut Treasurer Denise L. Nappier on the Passing of Coretta Scott King

"Coretta Scott King was an inspiring woman who worked with great resolve to preserve and promote Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream of equality. Through her tireless efforts, she helped to achieve national legislation honoring the birth of Dr. King, and founded the widely renowned Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change.

I will forever remember the grace and profound dignity of this much-revered matriarch of the civil rights movement. With quiet strength and heroic courage, she shepherded the legacy of Dr. King, making tremendous strides in breaking down the walls of hatred, bigotry and discrimination and moving America closer to realizing the dream of equal opportunity and justice.

My deepest sympathy is with the children of Dr. and Mrs. King, who continue to further the historic mission of the 'first family' of the American civil rights movement."