



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Justice Sunday 2006 campaign recognizes the  
3 50th anniversary of the civil rights movement and serves as the  
4 trademark for a historic 381-day Call-To-Service, which began  
5 December 1, 2005, in honor of the lives and legacies of the  
6 late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Mrs. Rosa L. Parks; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1994, in recognition of that spirit, Congress  
8 passed the King Holiday and Service Act, which directed the  
9 Corporation for National and Community Service to support local  
10 efforts to make the King Holiday a day of service; and

11 WHEREAS, Justice Sunday's national theme, "A Charge To Keep  
12 We Have: Service Before and Beyond", serves as a precursor to  
13 the King Day of Service in uniting people of all races, faiths,  
14 and cultures; and

15 WHEREAS, Family strengthening must be incorporated with  
16 strategies of community support and personal transformation to  
17 meet the critical needs of the more than 800,000 youth and  
18 adult ex-offenders who are returning to cities and towns each  
19 year; and

20 WHEREAS, In honor of the late Mrs. Rosa L. Parks,  
21 individuals can make a difference by responding to the urgent  
22 need for qualified mentors to help facilitate a pathway to  
23 freedom for youth engaged in gangs and criminal activities,  
24 with particular outreach to children whose parents are  
25 incarcerated; and

26 WHEREAS, The National Alliance of Faith and Justice, is  
27 authorized by grant of Rights from the Martin Luther King  
28 Center for Nonviolent Social Change to use the images and  
29 quotes of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to acknowledge the  
30 lifetime of selfless service by Dr. King as a clergy and martyr

1 for justice; and

2 WHEREAS, Justice Sunday 2006 will launch Pen or Pencil:  
3 Eyes on the Prize, prompting youth to remain focused and  
4 committed to progress and anti-criminal behavior by reflecting  
5 upon the immeasurable price of freedom exemplified on film and  
6 by heroes and sheroes of the civil rights movement such as Dr.  
7 King and Mrs. Parks; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. M. Jeanne Dolphus Cotton, Trinity Universal  
9 Center, Inc., Justice Sunday Lake County, Illinois,  
10 facilitator, in partnership with the College of Lake County,  
11 will conduct the Pen or Pencil project in middle schools in  
12 Waukegan and North Chicago; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
15 we proclaim January 15, 2006, as Justice Sunday, and we urge  
16 all citizens to consider this day and the year beyond as a  
17 tribute to Dr. King and Mrs. Parks through commitment to  
18 volunteerism and service around pressing social issues; and be  
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to Dr. M. Jeanne Dolphus Cotton.