

Senate Bill 568

By: Senators Merritt of the 9th, Butler of the 55th, Jones of the 10th, Jackson of the 2nd,
Anderson of the 43rd and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state
2 flag, seal, and other symbols, so as to provide for placement of a monument to honor Coretta
3 Scott King; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 **SECTION 1.**

5 WHEREAS, Coretta Scott King spent her life as an architect of global social change. She
6 devoted herself to advocating peace and opposition to the Vietnam War, recognizing Ghana's
7 historic independence from France, strategizing the American Civil Rights Movement,
8 working to dismantle Apartheid in South Africa, and serving as a diplomat in United
9 States-Russian relations during the Reagan-Gorbachev era; and

10 WHEREAS, Coretta Scott King was a daughter of Georgia and dedicated her life to equity
11 and opportunity across the state and abroad; and

12 WHEREAS, it is only fitting that Coretta Scott King be recognized for her pioneering work.

13 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

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SECTION 2.

15 Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state flag, seal,
16 and other symbols, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

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"ARTICLE 818 50-3-130.

19 (a) There shall be placed upon the capitol grounds of the state capitol building or in
20 another prominent place a monument in honor of Coretta Scott King, international
21 humanitarian, architect of the American Civil Rights Movement, and global peacekeeper,
22 subject to the availability of private funds for such purpose.

23 (b) Unless public safety concerns warrant postponement, such monument shall be procured
24 and placed as soon as practicable."

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SECTION 3.

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.