

House Resolution

A resolution honoring Marian Wright Edelman for her career as an advocate for disadvantaged Americans.

WHEREAS, Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund, has been an advocate for disadvantaged Americans for her entire professional career, and

WHEREAS, Marian Wright Edelman has led the Washington-based Children's Defense Fund to become a strong voice for children and families nationwide, and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Children's Defense Fund is to educate the nation about the needs of children and encourage preventive investment in children prior to their getting sick, dropping out of school, or getting into serious trouble, and

WHEREAS, as a graduate of Spelman College and Yale Law School, Marian Wright Edelman began her career in the mid-1960's as the first black woman admitted to the Mississippi Bar, where she directed the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund office in Jackson, Mississippi, and

WHEREAS, Marian Wright Edelman furthered her quest by going on to Washington, D.C., as counsel for the Poor People's March that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., began organizing before his death, and

WHEREAS, Marian Wright Edelman has received many honorary degrees and awards, including the Albert Schweitzer Humanitarian Prize and the Heinz Award, and was a MacArthur Foundation Prize Fellow, and

1 WHEREAS, through all of her efforts, Marian Wright
2 Edelman has brought hope and light to many who have walked in
3 the dark, NOW, THEREFORE,

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5 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
6 Florida:

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8 That the House of Representatives of the State of
9 Florida hereby honors Marian Wright Edelman as a humanitarian
10 and tireless advocate for the rights of the underprivileged in
11 Florida and across America by dedicating her life to the
12 disadvantaged American.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
14 be presented to Marian Wright Edelman as a tangible token of
15 the sentiments expressed herein.