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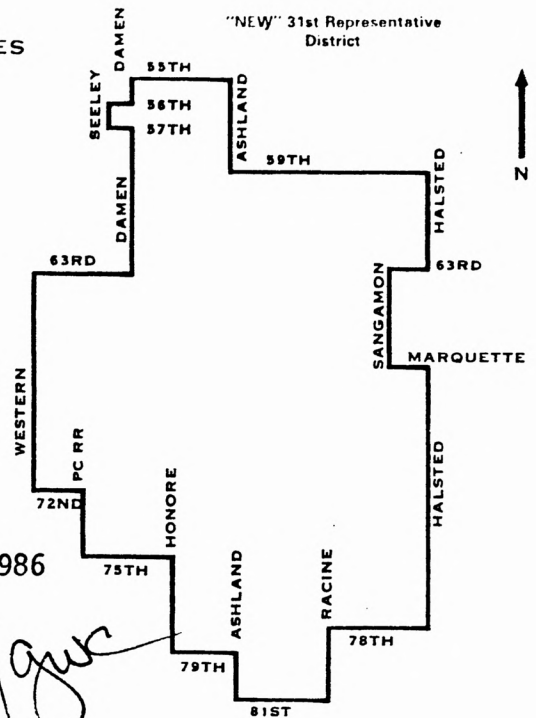
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 31ST DISTRICT



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Mr. George W. Crockett, Jr.  
U. S. House of Representatives  
1531 Longworth Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Crockett:

Thank you for your correspondence of April 23, 1986. I am proudly able to report to you that on this occasion of the tenth anniversary of the bloody 1976 Soweto uprising, the Illinois House of Representatives passed by a voice vote House Resolution 920 calling for the release of Nelson Mandela and other political prisoners in South Africa.

I commend you for your leadership on this issue and I hope that your effort and that of the thousands of others around the world will bring an end to the injustice that is South Africa today.

Although we have attained a small victory with passage of HR 920 by the Illinois House, we will continue to fight for meaningful economic sanctions against the South African government.

Again, I wholeheartedly support your efforts. If I can be of any further assistance in your campaign to free Nelson Mandela and bring justice to the oppressed of South Africa, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

*Mary E. Flowers*

MARY E. FLOWERS  
State Representative

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Enclosure

HOUSE RESOLUTION 920

Offered by: Representative Flowers

WHEREAS, South Africa is the only country in the world to base its governmental system on racism, openly refusing the most fundamental civil and political rights, including citizenship to the black majority population; and

WHEREAS, This system known as apartheid, has been condemned by the world community as a crime against humanity, and is illegitimate and offensive to the basic principles and values of civilization; and

WHEREAS, Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, a lawyer and leader of the South African people, has been imprisoned for the past 23 years for his opposition to apartheid; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mandela symbolizes the determination of his people to eradicate apartheid and to establish a united, non-racial and democratic South Africa; and

WHEREAS, Numerous governments, including the United States, as well as the United Nations, have called for the immediate and unconditional release of Nelson Mandela; and

WHEREAS, There are thousands of other South Africans currently in prison for their opposition to apartheid; and

WHEREAS, The release of Nelson Mandela and all other political prisoners and detainees is essential to the prompt solution of the continued suppression of legal and human rights in South Africa; therefore be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the members of this House, consistent with our dedication to the Rule of Law and the principle of human equality embodied in the United States Constitution, call for the immediate and unconditional release of Nelson Mandela and all South African political prisoners and detainees, and be it further