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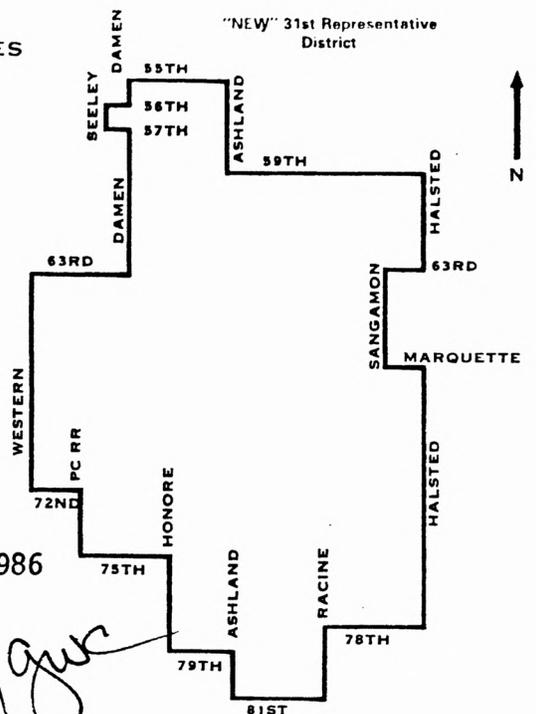
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**Mary E. Flowers**  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 31ST DISTRICT

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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

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	Offered by: Representative Flowers	
2	WHEREAS, South Africa is the only country in the world to	15
3	base its governmental system on racism, openly refusing the	16
4	most fundamental civil and political rights, including	17
5	citizenship to the black majority population; and	
6	WHEREAS, This system known as apartheid, has been	19
7	condemned by the world community as a crime against humanity,	20
8	and is illegitimate and offensive to the basic principles and	21
9	values of civilization; and	
10	WHEREAS, Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, a lawyer and leader	23
11	of the South African people, has been imprisoned for the past	24
12	23 years for his opposition to apartheid; and	25
13	WHEREAS, Mr. Mandela symbolizes the determination of his	27
14	people to eradicate apartheid and to establish a united,	28
15	non-racial and democratic South Africa; and	
16	WHEREAS, Numerous governments, including the United	30
17	States, as well as the United Nations, have called for the	31
18	immediate and unconditional release of Nelson Mandela; and	32
19	WHEREAS, There are thousands of other South Africans	34
20	currently in prison for their opposition to apartheid; and	35
21	WHEREAS, The release of Nelson Mandela and all other	37
22	political prisoners and detainees is essential to the prompt	38
23	solution of the continued suppression of legal and human	39
24	rights in South Africa; therefore be it	
25	RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE	41
26	EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that	42
27	the members of this House, consistent with our dedication to	44
28	the Rule of Law and the principle of human equality embodied	45
29	in the United States Constitution, call for the immediate and	
30	unconditional release of Nelson Mandela and all South African	46
31	political prisoners and detainees, and be it further	47