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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# S. RES. 52

Honoring Shirley Chisholm for her service to the Nation and expressing  
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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 14, 2005

Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. LEVIN) submitted the following resolution;  
which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

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supporters on her death.

Whereas Shirley Chisholm was born Shirley Anita St. Hill on  
November 30, 1924, in Brooklyn, New York, to Charles  
and Ruby St. Hill, immigrants from British Guyana and  
Barbados;

Whereas in 1949, Shirley Chisholm was a founding member  
of the Bedford-Stuyvesant Political League;

Whereas in 1960, she established the Unity Democratic Club,  
which was instrumental in mobilizing black and Hispanic  
voters;

Whereas in 1964, Chisholm ran for a New York State As-  
sembly seat and won;

Whereas in 1968, Chisholm became the first African-American woman elected to Congress, representing New York's Twelfth Congressional District;

Whereas as a member of Congress, Chisholm was an advocate for civil rights, women's rights, and the poor;

Whereas in 1969, Shirley Chisholm, along with other African-American members of Congress, founded the Congressional Black Caucus;

Whereas on January 25, 1972, Chisholm announced her candidacy for President and became the first African-American to be considered for the presidential nomination by a major national political party;

Whereas although Chisholm did not win the nomination at the 1972 Democratic National Convention in Miami, she received the votes of 151 delegates;

Whereas Shirley Chisholm served 7 terms in the House of Representatives before retiring from politics in 1982;

Whereas Shirley Chisholm was a dedicated member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and received the sorority's highest award, the Mary Church Terrell Award, in 1977 for her political activism and contributions to the Civil Rights Movement;

Whereas Shirley Chisholm was a model public servant and an example for African-American women, and her strength and perseverance serve as an inspiration for all people striving for change; and

Whereas on January 1, 2005, Shirley Chisholm died at the age of 80: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) honors Shirley Chisholm for her service to the Nation, her work to improve the lives of women and minorities, her steadfast commitment to demonstrating the power of compassion, and her dedication to justice and equality; and

(2) expresses its deepest condolences to her family, friends, and supporters.

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