

## RESOLUTION HONORING INDIANA SUFFRAGETTES

On Monday, February 29, 2016, six members of the LWV of the Calumet Area joined members of several other chapters of the League in Indianapolis to take part in the presentation to the Indiana Legislature of a Resolution honoring three women who were leaders of Indiana's early women's rights movement. The Resolution was initiated by our chapter, so our League members were present in the balcony and on the floor of the House of Representatives when Representative Linda Lawson presented the Resolution. Other members of the House including Dr. Vernon Smith also spoke in favor of adoption of the Resolution, which passed the House with a unanimous vote. We then went on to see Senator Karen Tallian rise for a point of personal privilege and present the Resolution to the Senate.

The Resolution honors Helen Gougar, the first woman lawyer to argue a case in front of the Indiana Supreme Court; May Wright Sewall; founder of the Indianapolis Girl's Classical School; and Zeralda Wallace, founder of the Indiana Woman Suffrage Association, a forerunner of the League of Women Voters. Zeralda was also the wife of Indiana Governor Daniel Wallace and step-mother of author Lew Wallace. All three of these women devoted their lives to obtaining the right to vote for women not only in Indiana, but all around the country. Unfortunately, none of them lived long enough to see the 19th amendment pass and actually be able to vote themselves.