

SENATE RESOLUTION

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1 WHEREAS, Today, the third Monday in January, we remember and
2 honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who became
3 a beacon of hope for actualizing racial equality in our nation; and

4 WHEREAS, 2022 marks the 54th anniversary of Dr. King's murder;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. King used his gift of oration to awaken America to
7 the struggles of disenfranchised communities, particularly African-
8 Americans, through nonviolent means; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., encouraged others through
10 his dedication to achieving equality. He once said, "Life's most
11 persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?";
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. King believed that a person's worth should be
14 measured not by his or her color, culture, or class but rather by his
15 or her commitment to making life better for all through service
16 rendered to each other; and

17 WHEREAS, We mourn the loss of former Black and African American
18 senators who not only tirelessly served in the Legislature, but paved
19 the way for many to follow in their paths; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. King's unwavering support for the principles of
21 racial justice and social equality helped transform America; and

22 WHEREAS, Black communities have been disproportionately affected
23 by the effects of the coronavirus pandemic; and

1 WHEREAS, An immense public outcry and movement that followed the
2 police killing of George Floyd - a Black man - continues to call for
3 immediate real actions toward eliminating systemic racism and police
4 brutality; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. King's steadfast pursuit of fairness encouraged
6 others, as exemplified in his famous "Letter from Birmingham Jail,"
7 in which he said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice
8 everywhere.";

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate, in recognition
10 of the courageous leadership and legacy of hope demonstrated by Dr.
11 Martin Luther King, Jr., honor his memory by urging all citizens of
12 our state to continue the legacy of Dr. King by condemning racism in
13 all its forms and advancing a more perfect union where all people
14 experience fair treatment under our laws.

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