HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 97-4605, by Representatives Robertson, Grant, Carlson, Gardner, D. Schmidt, Poulsen, Hatfield, Conway, Ogden, L. Thomas, Lantz, B. Thomas, Costa, Dyer, Regala, Morris, Cooke, Linville, Keiser, Mason and Kenney

WHEREAS, January 20, 1997, has been designated as the holiday in which we, as a nation, remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. set an example of devotion to the principle that all Americans should live in freedom, dignity, and justice; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. endeavored to end violence and discrimination against all persons; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's leadership achievements were recognized when he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's efforts were further recognized by the Congress of the United States, which created a permanent federal holiday to commemorate the date of his birth; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's efforts are also recognized by the State of Washington, which honors his remembrance as a state holiday; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's untimely death deeply grieved our nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives pause in our endeavors on behalf of the citizens of the State of Washington to commemorate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4605 adopted by the House of Representatives January 20, 1997.

Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk