

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 99-4719, by Representatives Santos, Wensman, Haigh, Hatfield, Kessler, Woods, Cody, Wolfe, Ruderman, Edmonds, Veloria, Lantz, Talcott, Fortunato, Keiser, Dunn, Conway, Carlson, D. Schmidt, Lovick, Regala, Ogden, Linville and Pflug

WHEREAS, January 17, 2000, has been designated as the holiday when we, as a nation, remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his adult life and the life of his family to the pursuit of freedom, justice, and peace in America and the world; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was jailed several times throughout his struggle to bring all people the opportunity to live free from racial, ethnic, and religious discrimination and violence; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s philosophy of nonviolence, which was based on the life and values of Mohandas Gandhi, is now woven into the fabric of America; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. set an example of devotion to the principle that all Americans should live free from discrimination and violence; and

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

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s efforts and personal sacrifice 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. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s efforts are also recognized by the State of Washington, which honors his memory with a state holiday; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s untimely death deeply grieved both our nation and the State of Washington;

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 4719 adopted by the House of Representatives
January 17, 2000.

Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerk

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