SENATE RESOLUTION 8690

By Senators Franklin, Benton, Berkey, Brandland, Brown, Carlson, Deccio, Doumit, Eide, Esser, Fairley, Finkbeiner, Fraser, Hale, Hargrove, Haugen, Hewitt, Honeyford, Horn, Jacobsen, Johnson, Kastama, Keiser, Kline, Kohl-Welles, McAuliffe, McCaslin, Morton, Mulliken, Murray, Oke, Parlette, Pflug, Poulsen, Prentice, Rasmussen, Regala, Roach, Schmidt, Sheahan, B. Sheldon, T. Sheldon, Shin, Spanel, Stevens, Swecker, Thibaudeau, Winsley and Zarelli

WHEREAS, The third Monday in January is dedicated to celebrating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's timeless principles of tolerance, racial justice, and social equality defined his character and leadership; and

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

WHEREAS, This holiday commemorates a day of interracial and intercultural cooperation and sharing; and

WHEREAS, Peace and nonviolent resolutions continue to serve as a revolutionary force in Dr. King's global vision for change; and

WHEREAS, Since 1984, Americans have kept Dr. King's legacy alive on this holiday by renewing commitment to the principles by which he lived;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the Washington State Senate, on behalf of the people of our state, do, in recognition of the outstanding leadership and courage demonstrated by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., honor his memory by urging all citizens of our state to continue the legacy of Dr. King by working for fairness, justice, and peace at home and abroad; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Martin Luther King Center in Tacoma, Washington.

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr., Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution 8690, adopted by the Senate January 19, 2004

MILTON H. DOUMIT, JR. Secretary of the Senate