

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-4603, by Representatives Jinkins, Wilcox, Abbarno, Alvarado, Barkis, Barnard, Bateman, Berg, Bergquist, Berry, Bronoske, Caldier, Callan, Chambers, Chandler, Chapman, Cheney, Chopp, Christian, Connors, Corry, Cortes, Couture, Davis, Dent, Doglio, Donaghy, Duerr, Dye, Entenman, Eslick, Farivar, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Fosse, Goehner, Goodman, Graham, Gregerson, Griffey, Hackney, Hansen, Harris, Hutchins, Jacobsen, Klicker, Kloba, Kretz, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Low, Macri, Maycumber, McClintock, McEntire, Mena, Morgan, Mosbrucker, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Paul, Peterson, Pollet, Ramel, Ramos, Reed, Reeves, Riccelli, Robertson, Rude, Rule, Ryu, Sandlin, Santos, Schmick, Schmidt, Senn, Shavers, Simmons, Slatter, Springer, Stearns, Steele, Stokesbary, Stonier, Street, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Timmons, Volz, Walen, Walsh, Waters, Wylie, and Ybarra

1 WHEREAS, Today, we join with people in every corner of the great
2 state of Washington and throughout the United States of America to
3 honor the life and legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King,
4 Jr.; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. King was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta,
6 Georgia, and on June 18, 1953, he and Coretta Scott were married in
7 Marion, Alabama; and

8 WHEREAS, He dedicated his life's work to gain civil and economic
9 rights for all; and

10 WHEREAS, We remember his Letter to Birmingham, which includes the
11 words, "Nonviolent direct action seeks to create such a crisis and
12 establish such creative tension that a community that has
13 consistently refused to negotiate is forced to confront the issue";
14 and

15 WHEREAS, People around the world still use his nonviolent
16 philosophy as a guide to make lasting changes, following the words of
17 Dr. King, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere"; and

18 WHEREAS, His belief in equality and opportunity for all was not
19 restricted to the cessation of racial injustice, it also extended to
20 the necessity of economic justice for all people, so that all may
21 live free of the afflictions of poverty; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. King propelled the truths of segregation and racial
23 injustice to the forefront of American conversation at dinner tables

1 across the country, helping to bring an end to unjust laws, and
2 fulfilling the promise of a democracy for every American; and

3 WHEREAS, The Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act
4 of 1965 became law thanks to the blood, sweat, and tears shed by Dr.
5 King and his supporters from every community in the United States;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, We remember Dr. King's steadfast commitment to the
8 ideals of impartiality and opportunity for all in the face of
9 tyranny, cruelty, and mistreatment by those in power; and

10 WHEREAS, He received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, the youngest
11 man to ever be selected for this extraordinary honor; and

12 WHEREAS, Despite Dr. King's assassination on April 4, 1968, his
13 legacy of compassion and nonviolence lived on through his followers
14 and his wife, Coretta Scott King; and

15 WHEREAS, It is fitting to honor Dr. King's historic advocacy for
16 equal treatment of all people during a time of tremendous racial
17 tension;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
19 recognize the importance of the life of Dr. King and exalt his
20 dedicated work and embrace the ideals of equality and equity for all
21 people.

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