

A RESOLUTION pausing in silent reverence of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and recognizing the observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day in the Commonwealth of Kentucky on Monday, January 18, 2016.

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was an extraordinary man whose uncompromising spiritual and moral values, courage, compassion, dignity, humility, love, and service to his fellow man galvanized this nation towards justice and racial harmony; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., during the civil rights movement were among the most significant of the 20th century in areas of equal opportunities for employment, racial equality, political representation, quality education, and economic advancement; and

WHEREAS, the course of United States history was changed by the vision, courage, commitment, and sacrifice of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, the ideals espoused by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., remain as yet unachieved goals, evidenced by continuing problems and the increasing need for focus and reasoned dialog dedicated to solving the problems of social injustice around the country; and

WHEREAS, the third Monday in January has been proclaimed a state and national holiday in honor of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a man who brought hope and healing to many, and a man who served as America's greatest champion of racial justice and equality. Legislation for a national Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday was signed into law by President Ronald Wilson Reagan on November 2, 1983, and the first national observation was on January 20, 1986. Thus, January 18, 2016, marks the 30th National Celebration of the Observance of the National Holiday for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his fight for civil and human rights;

WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Jr., Day is an opportunity for all Kentuckians to live and practice the ideals of equality, fairness, and peace as espoused by Dr. Martin

Luther King, Jr.;

NOW, THEREFORE,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

➔Section 1. The House of Representatives pauses in silent reverence of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and hereby recognizes the observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day in the Commonwealth of Kentucky on Monday, January 18, 2016.

➔Section 2. The House of Representatives acknowledges the enduring legacy of universal and unconditional love, forgiveness, and nonviolence of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to The King Center, Freedom Hall, 449 Auburn Avenue NE, Atlanta, GA 30312.