

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Saldaña, Darneille, Randall, Dhingra, McCoy, Billig, Frockt, Das, Nguyen, Wagoner, Palumbo, Hobbs, Hawkins, Sheldon, Walsh, Brown, and Wilson, L.

1 WHEREAS, Today, the third Monday in January, we remember and  
2 honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who became a  
3 beacon of hope for actualizing racial equality in our nation; and

4 WHEREAS, 2019 marks the fifty-first anniversary of Dr. King's  
5 untimely death; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. King used his gift of oration to awaken America to  
7 the struggles of disenfranchised communities, particularly African-  
8 Americans, through nonviolent means; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. encouraged others through his  
10 dedication to achieving equality. Dr. King once said, "Life's most  
11 persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?";  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. King's unwavering support for the principles of  
14 racial justice and social equality helped transform America; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. King's steadfast pursuit of fairness encouraged  
16 others, as exemplified in his famous "Letter from Birmingham Jail,"  
17 in which he said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice  
18 everywhere."; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. King believed that a person's worth should be  
20 measured not by his or her color, culture, or class but rather by his  
21 or her commitment to making life better for all through service  
22 rendered to each other;

1       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate, in recognition  
2 of the courageous leadership and legacy of hope demonstrated by Dr.  
3 Martin Luther King Jr., honor his memory by urging all citizens of  
4 our state to continue the legacy of Dr. King by condemning racism in  
5 all its forms and advancing a more perfect union where all people  
6 experience fair treatment under our laws.

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