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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Whereas, January 19, 2015, will mark the 30th national celebration of the holiday for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his fight for civil and human rights;

Whereas, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement serve as a model of principled leadership and forward-thinking public policy;

Whereas, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was one of our nation's truly great leaders who changed the nation forever through his leadership, service, and clarity of vision;

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Whereas, Through his determination, spirit, and resolve, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. helped lift souls and lead one of the greatest movements for equality and freedom in history;

Whereas, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had many dreams: of an America where "justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream", where neighbors look "beyond the external accidents and discern those inner qualities that make all men human and, therefore, brothers", and of a time when "this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed, 'we hold these truths to be self evident: that all men are created equal'";

Whereas, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. dreamt of a better society where "the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit together at the table of brotherhood";

Whereas, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. believed that liberty, justice, and freedom were the "inalienable rights" to which all men, women, and children are entitled;

Whereas, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a spiritual man who believed that all people are created equal in the sight of God and in the dignity and self-worth of every individual;

Whereas, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his life defending his beliefs;

Whereas, The visions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. continue to bring hope and inspiration to people of all nations;

Whereas, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. fought to change public policy from the "self-inflicted wound of segregation to the pluralistic diverse democracy" we continue to construct today;

Whereas, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a recipient of the Nobel Prize, is a national hero whose birthday is celebrated as a day of peace, love, and understanding by a grateful nation; and



Whereas, All Americans must continue to gather inspiration from the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and strive to realize his dreams: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. That it is fitting and proper that Dr. Martin Luther
2 King Jr. be remembered and recognized by future generations of
3 Americans.

4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of Dr.
6 Martin Luther King Jr.

