

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Saldaña, Braun, Hasegawa, Hobbs, Hunt, and Keiser

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  
3 a beacon of hope for actualizing racial equality in our nation; and

4 WHEREAS, 2021 marks the 53rd anniversary of Dr. King's murder;  
5 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, This session the Senate welcomes its first Black senator  
10 in 10 years, Senator T'wina Nobles; and

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

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

17 WHEREAS, Black communities have been disproportionately affected  
18 by the effects of the coronavirus pandemic; and

19 WHEREAS, An immense public outcry following the recent police  
20 killing of George Floyd - a Black man - called for immediate real  
21 actions toward eliminating systemic racism and police misuse of  
22 deadly force; and

1       WHEREAS, Dr. King's steadfast pursuit of fairness encouraged  
2 others, as exemplified in his famous "Letter from Birmingham Jail,"  
3 in which he said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice  
4 everywhere.";

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

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