

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2011-4601, by Representatives Moscoso, Ahern, Alexander, Anderson, Angel, Appleton, Armstrong, Asay, Bailey, Billig, Blake, Buys, Carlyle, Chandler, Chopp, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, Crouse, Dahlquist, Dammeier, Darneille, DeBolt, Dickerson, Dunshee, Eddy, Fagan, Finn, Fitzgibbon, Frockt, Goodman, Green, Haigh, Haler, Hargrove, Harris, Hasegawa, Hinkle, Hope, Hudgins, Hunt, Hunter, Hurst, Jacks, Jinkins, Johnson, Kagi, Kelley, Kenney, Kirby, Klippert, Kretz, Kristiansen, Ladenburg, Lias, Lytton, Maxwell, McCoy, McCune, Miloscia, Moeller, Morris, Nealey, Orcutt, Ormsby, Orwall, Overstreet, Parker, Pearson, Pedersen, Pettigrew, Probst, Reykdal, Rivers, Roberts, Rodne, Rolfes, Ross, Ryu, Santos, Schmick, Seaquist, Sells, Shea, Short, Smith, Springer, Stanford, Sullivan, Takko, Taylor, Tharinger, Upthegrove, Van De Wege, Walsh, Warnick, Wilcox, and Zeiger

WHEREAS, Today, January 17, 2011, we join with the people of the state of Washington and throughout our nation in celebration, and in reflection, of the life and legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, We recall his words 48 years ago when he stood at our nation's capital in the shadow of the Great Emancipator and reminded all Americans that, "I have a dream that one day 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;" and

WHEREAS, We remember those words and his unwavering commitment in the face of tyranny and oppression; in abuse and incarceration; and we thank him for his sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's work, and the mere mention of his name, are synonymous with peace and equality; and

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

WHEREAS, Dr. King and his followers helped change the status quo through nonviolent means, with protests at lunch counters and a march on Selma; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King helped bring an end to segregation and a new beginning to America, fulfilling the promise of a democracy available to every American. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 became law because of the blood and tears shed by Dr. King and his followers; and

WHEREAS, Americans continue to honor and find inspiration in his work long after his death in 1968, awarding him the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1977, and the Congressional Gold Medal in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King is best known for leading the movement to end discrimination based on the color of one's skin, he also organized the "Poor People's Campaign" to address issues of economic justice;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives, on behalf of the people of our state, recognize the importance of the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to the civil society and freedoms of the United States of America and of the state of Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor Dr. King's memory by remembering that we, too, must remain resolute in our own pursuit of his dream of justice and equality for all people.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4601 adopted by the House of Representatives
January 17, 2011

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk