

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2015-4603, by Representatives Chopp, Kristiansen, Appleton, Bergquist, Blake, Buys, Caldier, Carlyle, Chandler, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, DeBolt, Dent, Dunshee, Fagan, Farrell, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Goodman, Gregerson, Gregory, Griffey, Haler, Hansen, Hargrove, Harmsworth, Harris, Hawkins, Hayes, Holy, Hudgins, G. Hunt, S. Hunt, Hunter, Hurst, Jinkins, Johnson, Kagi, Kilduff, Kirby, Klippert, Kochmar, Kretz, Lytton, MacEwen, Magendanz, Manweller, McBride, McCabe, McCaslin, Moeller, Morris, Moscoso, Muri, Nealey, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Parker, Peterson, Pettigrew, Pike, Pollet, Reykdal, Riccelli, Robinson, Rodne, Ryu, Santos, Sawyer, Schmick, Scott, Sells, Senn, Shea, Short, Smith, Springer, Stambaugh, Stanford, Stokesbary, Sullivan, Takko, Tarleton, Taylor, Tharinger, Van De Wege, Van Werven, Vick, Walkinshaw, Walsh, Wilcox, Wilson, Wylie, Young, and Zeiger

1 WHEREAS, Today, January 19, 2015, the people of the great state
2 of Washington and the nation join together to celebrate and honor the
3 life, legacy, and work of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. King passionately upheld the virtues of compassion
5 and fairness and boldly shared his vision with America in our
6 nation's capital by declaring, "I have a dream that one day this
7 nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: We
8 hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created
9 equal"; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. King was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta,
11 Georgia, and on June 18, 1953, he and Coretta Scott were married in
12 Marion, Alabama; and

13 WHEREAS, Despite Dr. King's assassination on April 4, 1968, his
14 legacy of compassion and nonviolence lived on through his followers
15 and his wife, Coretta Scott King; and

16 WHEREAS, We remember Dr. King's unwavering commitment to the
17 ideals of equality and opportunity for all in the face of tyranny,
18 oppression, and abuse by those in power; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. King was jailed several times throughout his life
20 because of his commitment to a country free of discrimination and
21 violence; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. King brought the realities of segregation and racial
23 injustice to the forefront of American discussion at dinner tables
24 across the country, helping to bring an end to unjust laws, and
25 fulfilling the promise of a democracy for every American; and

26 WHEREAS, The Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act
27 of 1965 became law because of the blood, sweat, and tears shed by Dr.
28 King and his followers from every community and every neighborhood in
29 the United States; and

30 WHEREAS, His message of equality and opportunity for all was not
31 limited to the halt of racial injustice, it also extended to the need
32 for economic justice for all people, so that all may live free of the
33 burdens of poverty; and

