

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 91-4606, by Representatives Wineberry, Miller, Franklin, Anderson, Ebersole, Brough, Locke, Chandler, Appelwick, Tate, R. Meyers, Paris, H. Myers, Bowman, Cole, Mielke, Rasmussen, Padden, Cantwell, Hine, Valle, Dorn, Spanel, Ludwig, Hargrove, Jacobsen, R. Fisher, Pruitt, Inslee, Ogden, Roland, R. Johnson, Leonard, Rust, R. King, Scott, Jones, Zellinsky, O'Brien, Phillips, Basich, Fraser, Brekke, Sprenkle, Orr and Ferguson

WHEREAS, January 21, 1991, is the observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday as both a federal holiday and Washington state legal holiday; and

WHEREAS, We, the members of the House of Representatives, are honored to pay tribute to what would have been the 62nd birthday of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who set an example of world leadership for all of us to follow; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. demonstrated his love of mankind by devoting his life to fighting discrimination and violence and by endeavoring to help all human beings live in freedom and with dignity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King was internationally acclaimed and awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of his leadership in and dedication to achieving economic, educational, and social equality for all persons; and

WHEREAS, This nobel laureate by his memory continually reminds us to fulfill his dream, a dream depicting a world of human equality and global peace; and

WHEREAS, During these days with our nation at war, Dr. King's message of world peace is needed now more than ever; and

WHEREAS, This great American champion of the oppressed was assassinated while espousing his principles of pacifism and the assassination deeply grieved every citizen of this nation; and

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States has honored Dr. King by creating a permanent federal holiday to commemorate the anniversary of his birth; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Legislature has seen fit to honor this man as has the Congress and other states by declaring his birthday a legal, paid state and school holiday; and

WHEREAS, We urge Washington's corporate and business community to join the nation and our state in officially commemorating the holiday;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That on this day, we, the members of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, pause in our endeavors to pay homage to one of America's most honorable and honored citizens, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in order to call to the attention of all Washingtonians Dr. King's wisdom and accomplishments and to rededicate ourselves to the pursuit of his principles; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the various organizations throughout the state which are dedicated to the achievement of racial equality.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4606 adopted by the House of Representatives January 21, 1991.

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Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk,

House of Representatives