

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senator Saldaña

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?";
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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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