

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

2 WHEREAS, this body rightfully honors those Americans whose lives create a
3 cultural and spiritual touchpoint for people across the world, and whose legacies embody
4 the very concepts of justice, truth, and equality; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., being one such American, is duly honored
6 in this chamber on this day; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta,
8 Georgia, and was tragically killed on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. King's life traces the very firmament of the struggle for equal
10 rights, a struggle that is very much ongoing more than 50 years after his death; and

11 WHEREAS, from his education at Morehouse College and Boston University to his
12 courageous civil rights work, including the Montgomery bus boycott in 1955, to the
13 march on Washington in 1965, to the historic march from Selma to Montgomery in 1965,
14 Dr. King served as a relentless testament to the human spirit's unceasing desire for
15 freedom and equality; and

16 WHEREAS, here in our own Commonwealth, the work of Dr. King and his
17 movement can be seen in myriad ways, particularly with the passage of the Kentucky
18 Civil Rights Act of 1966, which King called "the strongest and most comprehensive civil
19 rights bill passed by a Southern state"; and

20 WHEREAS, now more than ever, Dr. King's belief in change through nonviolence,
21 and his unwavering desire to see a world "sweltering with the heat of oppression
22 transformed into an oasis of peace and justice," is as prudent and necessary as it has ever
23 been; and

24 WHEREAS, now more than ever, Dr. King's dream is a necessary lesson to all
25 women and men across the country—including here in our own Commonwealth—who
26 seek to pursue a life unmarred by the scourge of prejudice; and

27 WHEREAS, it is rightful then that this body pause on this day to commend and

1 acknowledge the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; and

2 WHEREAS, in so doing, the members urge all Kentuckians to recommit themselves
3 to the lessons Dr. King preached about more than half a century ago;

4 NOW, THEREFORE,

5 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
6 *Kentucky:*

7 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby honor the life and legacy of Dr.
8 Martin Luther King Jr., and urge all Kentuckians to shape their lives by those holy tenets
9 of kindness, peace, and equality.

10 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
11 memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

12 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
13 Resolution to Senator Gerald A. Neal.