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## **Joint Resolution Commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

**WHEREAS**, January 20, 2020 marks the national and state holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., commemorating his birth on January 15, 1929; and

**WHEREAS**, Martin Luther King, Jr., was a Baptist minister who advocated the furtherance of civil and human rights for all Americans through nonviolence; and

**WHEREAS**, this man of great spirit showed this country a dream of "an oasis of freedom and justice"; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. King, a model of an American patriot, provided the nation with one of the most prophetic and influential voices in our history; and

**WHEREAS**, for his tireless work to ensure equality and justice, Dr. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, a high and honorable distinction, in 1964; and

**WHEREAS**, his eloquence, his perseverance and his faith moved mountains and brought about landmark legal and social changes by appealing to the better instincts and consciences of his fellow human beings; and

**WHEREAS**, the life of Martin Luther King, Jr., which ended so tragically on April 4, 1968, is a shining example to Americans and citizens of the world at large of uncompromising dedication to the highest ideals; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to acknowledge the extraordinary life and works of this teacher, reformer and humanitarian, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and pause in our deliberations to recognize and commemorate the occasion of his birth.