

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 13

Reps. Whitsett, Sowerby, Reilly, Hammoud, Tyrone Carter, Camilleri, Gay-Dagnogo, Stone, Vaupel, Elder, Garza, Sabo, Hoadley, Cynthia Johnson, Wittenberg, Robinson, Brixie, Bolden, Pohutsky and Love offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to commemorate in the state of Michigan January  
2 2019 as the 90th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King  
3 Jr.

4           Whereas, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. sparks inspiration,  
5 strength, and determination. He was born on January 15, 1929, but  
6 the icon Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was born in 1955 when he first  
7 caught the national eye while boycotting a transportation company  
8 in Birmingham, Alabama; and

9           Whereas, Dr. King's life was prematurely ended but is still



1 profoundly impactful. Although his time as an activist was cut  
2 short, he managed to spearhead the 1964 Civil Rights Movement  
3 ending public segregation on the basis of race, gender, or  
4 religion; and

5       Whereas, His advocacy and determination helped secure the  
6 right to vote for African Americans in 1965. MLK's nonviolent  
7 approach taught the public humanity, and the lessons set the  
8 standard for how minority populations deserve to be treated. His  
9 timeless teachings apply not only to the treatment of the black  
10 population, but to any group who has suffered injustice at the  
11 hands of the majority; and

12       Whereas, MLK serves as champion for the marginalized and  
13 preached to the privileged. He helped foster an understanding  
14 between the disenfranchised and the powerful. Honoring his legacy  
15 acts as a reminder to the injustice our American brothers and  
16 sisters endured; and

17       Whereas, Racism and injustice has not been eradicated since  
18 Dr. King's untimely passing. In Letter from Birmingham Jail he  
19 wrote "Lukewarm acceptance is much more bewildering than outright  
20 rejection." It is the responsibility of this body to embrace  
21 diversity and condemn injustice; and

22       Whereas, Dr. King planted the seed of equality. While it has  
23 bloomed over the years, it is our responsibility to nurture it and  
24 ensure it thrives. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has set the example  
25 for us, but it is up to us as a society to apply his inclusive  
26 ideology and accept each other for who we are. We all know he had a  
27 dream. Michiganders are encouraged to fulfill that dream and  
28 continue down the path of equality and justice; now, therefore, be  
29 it

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2 this legislative body commemorate in the state of Michigan January  
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