

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, which is being celebrated across our nation on January 17, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, A famed orator and clergyman and one of America's most influential civil rights leaders, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was awarded the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize for his commitment to nonviolence and his struggle for equal rights; and

**WHEREAS**, Martin Luther King, Jr., was born January 15, 1929; on January 17, people from all walks of life will commemorate his birthday and honor his commitment to the fight for civil rights, equal educational opportunity, and improved economic well-being for all Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, On this special day, we remember Dr. King's extraordinary legacy, from his successful leadership of the boycott that led to the desegregation of the Montgomery, Alabama, buses in 1956 to his bold leadership of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a major civil rights organization; and

**WHEREAS**, The eloquence of Dr. King's historic "I have a dream" speech still evokes emotions in Americans of every race and creed; we are also inspired to cherish and practice Dr. King's noble ideals of racial harmony and tolerance in our great nation; and

**WHEREAS**, This year's celebration of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is a reminder to all Texans of our nation's democratic ideals, and it will serve to inspire us to continue to create a more just and equitable society; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby urge all Texans to celebrate January 17, Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, in honor and in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as a memento of this day in our nation's history.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 13, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate