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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Each year on the third Monday of January, schools,
2 federal agencies, post offices, and banks across the United States
3 close their doors in honor and in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King,
4 Jr.; and

5 WHEREAS, The birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., often
6 called "Martin Luther King Day," became a federal holiday when
7 President Ronald Reagan signed historic legislation in 1983 and was
8 observed for the first time on January 20, 1986; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2007, the holiday will be celebrated on Monday,
10 January 15, and most state legislatures will observe Martin Luther
11 King Day as an official paid holiday for state employees, according
12 to the National Conference of State Legislatures; and

13 WHEREAS, It is fitting that Texas join other state
14 legislatures in paying tribute to the life and work of Dr. Martin
15 Luther King, Jr., a civil rights leader who dedicated his life to
16 human freedom and dignity, by not meeting on the legal holiday for
17 the observance of his birthday; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
19 Legislature hereby declare that it will not meet on Monday, January
20 15, 2007, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.