

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, human rights advocate and
2 community activist Martin Luther King III strives to promote the
3 message of justice and equality for all, ignited in him by his
4 parents, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Coretta Scott King; and

5 WHEREAS, A graduate of Morehouse College, he served six years
6 as an at-large representative for Fulton County, Georgia, in which
7 capacity he helped pass legislation aimed at environmental
8 protection, ethics reform, and equal opportunities in public
9 contracting; in 1997, he was unanimously elected president of the
10 Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the organization his
11 father had cofounded three decades earlier, and under his guidance
12 the SCLC convened police brutality hearings in 11 U.S. cities and
13 initiated the Gun Buy-Back program as part of its Stop the
14 Killing--End the Violence campaign; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. King continues to fulfill his father's legacy
16 through his latest endeavor, Realizing the Dream, which he serves
17 as chairman and CEO; with programs focused on nonviolence, youth
18 leadership, and community empowerment, Realizing the Dream is
19 committed to the creation of what Dr. King called the "Beloved
20 Community"; moreover, the initiative seeks to address the growing
21 gap between the rich and the poor by building a coalition of
22 activists and leaders from at least 50 communities across the
23 country, and to this end Mr. King is on a nationwide "Listening and
24 Learning Tour"; and

1 WHEREAS, Moved to share his vision of peace and human
2 dignity, Martin Luther King III inspires others with his words and
3 his actions, and it is indeed fitting to recognize him for his
4 exemplary efforts in behalf of his fellow citizens; now, therefore,
5 be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
7 Legislature hereby commend Martin Luther King III for his
8 contributions to social justice and extend to him sincere best
9 wishes for a fruitful and enjoyable visit to the State Capitol; and,
10 be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Mr. King as an expression of high regard by the Texas
13 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1389

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1389 was adopted by the House on April 19, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House