

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, January 15, 2017, marks the 88th anniversary of the
2 birth of the great civil rights leader and humanitarian Dr. Martin
3 Luther King Jr.; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. King joined the NAACP at an early age, and by
5 1954 he held a seat on the organization's executive committee; he
6 rose to national prominence in 1955-1956, when he served as a
7 spiritual and moral leader of the historic bus boycott in
8 Montgomery, Alabama; a watershed event, the boycott led to the
9 banning of segregation in local and interstate travel in the United
10 States and simultaneously helped to launch the civil rights
11 movement; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1957, Dr. King and a number of other ministers
13 founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; an
14 influential civil rights organization, the SCLC coordinated mass
15 protest campaigns and voter registration drives across the South;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. King served as president of the SCLC from its
18 inception until his death on April 4, 1968; during those tumultuous
19 years, he wrote five books and numerous articles, traveled more
20 than six million miles, and spoke at over 2,500 events; frequently
21 jailed for peaceful protest, he endured numerous personal threats
22 and attacks over the course of his career; and

23 WHEREAS, In recognition of his immeasurable influence and
24 moral stature, *Time* magazine named Dr. King its Man of the Year in

1 1963, and in 1964, at the age of 35, he was awarded the Nobel Prize
2 for Peace; he donated the money that accompanied the prize, more
3 than \$54,000, to further the civil rights movement; and

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

8 WHEREAS, Through his courageous, unflinching pursuit of
9 social and economic justice, Dr. King helped to shatter a deeply
10 entrenched system of second-class citizenship and highlight, here
11 in this country and across the globe, the liberating ideals of
12 freedom, equality, and human dignity; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
14 Legislature hereby honor the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and
15 call on all Texans to join in carrying forward his dream of a more
16 just, tolerant, and inclusive society.

Giddings

Straus	Goldman	Oliverson
Allen	Gonzales of Williamson	Ortega
Alonzo	González of El Paso	Paddie
Alvarado	Gooden	Parker
Anchia	Guerra	Paul
Anderson of Dallas	Guillen	Perez
Anderson of McLennan	Gutierrez	Phelan
Arévalo	Hefner	Phillips
Ashby	Hernandez	Pickett
Bailes	Herrero	Price
Bell	Hinojosa	Raney
Bernal	Holland	Raymond
Biedermann	Howard	Reynolds
Blanco	Huberty	Rinaldi
Bohac	Hunter	Roberts
Bonnen of Brazoria	Isaac	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Israel	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Burrows	Kacal	Sanford
Button	Keough	Schaefer
Cain	King of Hemphill	Schofield
Canales	King of Parker	Schubert
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Clardy	Klick	Sheffield
Coleman	Koop	Shine
Collier	Krause	Simmons
Cook	Kuempel	Smithee
Cortez	Lambert	Springer
Cosper	Landgraf	Stephenson
Craddick	Lang	Stickland
Cyrier	Larson	Stucky
Dale	Laubenberg	Swanson
Darby	Leach	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Lucio III	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Martinez	Turner
Dukes	Metcalf	Uresti
Dutton	Meyer	VanDeaver
Elkins	Miller	Villalba
Faircloth	Minjarez	Vo
Fallon	Moody	Walle
Farrar	Morrison	White
Flynn	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Frank	Murphy	Workman
Frullo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Neave	Wu
Gervin-Hawkins	Nevárez	Zedler
Giddings	Oliveira	Zerwas

H.R. No. 99

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 99 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on January 17, 2017.

Chief Clerk of the House