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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents of Gainesville are joining with citizens  
2 across the nation on January 21, 2019, to remember and honor the  
3 extraordinary life and inspiring legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King  
4 Jr.; and

5           WHEREAS, Dr. King was a Baptist minister and social activist  
6 whose dedication to peaceful protest had a profound impact on the  
7 nation's civil rights movement; and

8           WHEREAS, In the mid-1950s, Dr. King was chosen to lead the  
9 historic 381-day bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama, placing him at  
10 the forefront of the struggle for racial equality in the United  
11 States; along with other activists of the day, he founded the  
12 Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1957 and served as its  
13 president for the remainder of his life; and

14           WHEREAS, Under Dr. King's leadership, the SCLC played a key  
15 role in many of the pivotal civil rights events of the 1960s,  
16 including the Birmingham campaign of 1963, the March on Washington,  
17 where Dr. King delivered his "I Have a Dream" address, and the  
18 demonstrations in Selma, Alabama, in 1965; and

19           WHEREAS, Despite the hardships that accompanied Dr. King's  
20 important work, including being jailed for his involvement in  
21 protest activities, he persevered in the fight for social justice;  
22 named Man of the Year by *Time* magazine in 1963, he also became the  
23 youngest person ever awarded the Nobel Peace Prize; Dr. King's  
24 influence has continued to resonate with subsequent generations,

1 and in 1983 the U.S. Congress enacted a federal holiday  
2 commemorating his birth; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. King devoted his life to promoting unity where  
4 there was division, peace where there was violence, and fairness  
5 where there was injustice, and he embodied the highest ideals of a  
6 nation founded on the principle that "all men are created equal";  
7 now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby commemorate the 2019 Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
10 celebration hosted by the City of Gainesville and extend sincere  
11 best wishes to all those taking part in the event.