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H. RES. 48

Honoring Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by celebrating diversity,
promoting tolerance, and condemning hate.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BROWN (for herself, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. BERA, Mr. CARSON, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. TITUS, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. SYKES, Mr. MRVAN, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. AMO, Mr. IVEY, Ms. MENG, Mr. LANDSMAN, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. BYNUM, Ms. McCLELLAN, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. MULLIN, Mrs. McIVER, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mrs. MCBATH, Mr. POCAN, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. FROST, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. BISHOP, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Ms. PLASKETT, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. TURNER of Texas, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. TORRES of New York, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. FIELDS, Mr. MFUME, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. HERNÁNDEZ, and Ms. JACOBS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Honoring Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by celebrating diversity, promoting tolerance, and condemning hate.

Whereas the Nation will celebrate the 96th anniversary of the birth of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on Monday, January 20, 2025;

Whereas Dr. King taught that the blessing of diversity is our strength;

Whereas Dr. King fought, marched, and preached for the inalienable rights of all people, particularly Black Americans;

Whereas among these rights is the inviolable right of every person to cast their vote and make their voice heard in a representative democracy;

Whereas tolerance for one another's difference in race, ethnicity, gender, culture, religion, sexual orientation, age, or disability is a profound virtue;

Whereas civil discourse in a land of democratic freedom is the true promise of our country; and

Whereas Dr. King once wrote in his 1963 Letter from a Birmingham Jail, "Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly": Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) celebrates the 96th anniversary of the birth-
3 day of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on
4 January 20, 2025, which shall serve as a reminder
5 that hate and hateful conduct based on differences
6 has no place in the United States in tribute to his
7 life and teachings;

8 (2) affirms the words of Reverend Dr. Martin
9 Luther King, Jr., "Anyone who lives inside the

1 United States can never be considered an outsider
2 anywhere within its bounds”;

3 (3) honors the life, legacy, works, and heroism
4 of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.;

5 (4) condemns any form of harassment, discrimi-
6 nation, or prejudice targeted at any minority ethnic
7 group, including the Black community, Indigenous
8 people, the Jewish community, the Asian-American
9 and Pacific Islander community, the Muslim commu-
10 nity, and the Hispanic and Latino communities;

11 (5) condemns any form of harassment, discrimi-
12 nation, or prejudice based on a person’s gender, in-
13 cluding the trans community and LGBTQ+ individ-
14 uals;

15 (6) abhors the violence and animus that led to
16 the untimely death of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther
17 King, Jr.; and

18 (7) calls on all people across the Nation and the
19 world to uphold Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King,
20 Jr.’s values and teachings of justice, equality, peace,
21 advocacy, and tolerance.

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