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8 HOUSE RESOLUTION

9 "RECOGNIZING THE WORK, STRUGGLES, AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS
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18 WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as the principal founder of the
19 Civil Rights Movement in the 1950s and 1960s, led the battle against racism
20 recognizing that all people are entitled to dignity, equality, due process,
21 and all constitutional freedoms that were so carefully crafted by the founding
22 fathers of our country; and

23 WHEREAS, through the utilization of civil disobedience, Dr. King caused
24 this country to examine laws and practices that were discriminatory to a large
25 number of our citizens; and

26 WHEREAS, although the practice of civil disobedience resulted in his
27 being jailed, Dr. King continued to foster change through nonviolent means,
28 brotherly love, and the Golden Rule of "Do unto others as you would have them
29 do unto you"; and

30 WHEREAS, Dr. King fought hard against injustice and for a new birth of
31 freedom; and

32 WHEREAS, although an assassin's bullet ended his life in Memphis,
33 Tennessee in 1968, his legacy and his teaching live on; and

34 WHEREAS, the civil rights legislation that was enacted by the United
35 States Congress within a few months after Dr. King's death is evidence to all
36 of us that his efforts were not in vain,

NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SECOND GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

That the House takes this opportunity to pause in its deliberations to
acknowledge the work, struggles, and accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther
King, Jr.