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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 RECOGNIZING THE WORK AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DR. MARTIN
10 LUTHER KING, JR.

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12 **Subtitle**

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14 OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 WHEREAS, the Arkansas General Assembly recognized the work of Dr.

1 Martin Luther King, Jr. by passing Act 306 of 1999 which provides that the
2 Arkansas General Assembly shall not convene in session nor shall any of its
3 committees meet on the third Monday in January in observance of the birthday
4 of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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

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

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