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5 By: Senators Bradford, Edwards

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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

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

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12 **Subtitle**

13 "RECOGNIZING THE WORK, STRUGGLES, AND  
14 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER  
15 KING, JR."

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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,

1 NOW THEREFORE,  
2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
3 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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