
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WATSON, KIRKLAND, BRADFORD, GOODMAN, M. QUINN AND DEASY,
MARCH 12, 2018

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 12, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr.
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. and honoring Dr. Martin Luther King,
3 Jr., on this momentous and solemn occasion.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated on
5 April 4, 1968, at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee,
6 which is now the home of the National Civil Rights Museum; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and his legacy serve as
8 a constant reminder that we must all strive to create a more
9 just, humane and peaceful world using Dr. King's nonviolent
10 philosophy and methodology; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Bernice A. King, the youngest daughter of Dr.
12 Martin Luther King, Jr., said, " ... it is incumbent upon us to
13 realize that, while Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott
14 King were global, influential leaders who answered divine calls
15 to fulfill great assignments, we, too, have assignments to

1 complete. Together, we can, in our various roles and capacities,
2 lovingly use our skills to build the Beloved Community and win
3 for humanity. As my father stated, 'Human progress is neither
4 automatic nor inevitable ... Every step toward the goal of
5 justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the
6 tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated
7 individuals.' We invite you to 'step toward the goal' with us.";
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Fifty years ago, on April 4, 1968, a powerful and
10 peaceful voice for freedom was lost when Dr. Martin Luther King,
11 Jr., was assassinated on the balcony of his motel room; and

12 WHEREAS, During his short life, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,
13 was a beacon for human and civil rights, and a half-century
14 later, his words and actions remain relevant, clear and more
15 powerful than ever; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was a member of the
17 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, the country's oldest
18 African-American Collegiate Greek-lettered fraternity, which has
19 continued Dr. King's legacy and the mission of supplying a voice
20 and vision to African Americans; and

21 WHEREAS, The mission of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity,
22 Incorporated, is to develop leaders, promote brotherhood and
23 academic excellence and provide service and advocacy for our
24 communities; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
26 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King,
27 Jr., and honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on this momentous
28 and solemn occasion.