

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1847

A RESOLUTION concerning the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Highway.

WHEREAS, The Kansas Legislature, in section 1 of chapter 278 of the 1982 Session Laws of Kansas, authorized interstate highway I-470 from the east Topeka interchange of the Kansas turnpike to its intersection with interstate highway I-70 west of Topeka to be designated as "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Highway." Markers have been placed along the highway right-of-way to properly indicate this designation, and such designation is so known and appreciated by many residents of the Topeka community; and

WHEREAS, The 20th anniversary of the designation of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Highway is being celebrated in Topeka on Sunday, April 28, on the south steps of the Kansas Statehouse. The event is sponsored by the Black History Month Observance Founders Commission and the Kansas Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial Anniversary Commission. Activities include an I-470 parade and motorcade, a proclamation, resolution, remarks, keynote address, church services, poetry reading and drill team exhibitions; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Coretta Scott King sends the following message to the people of Kansas: "On behalf of the King family and the board of directors and trustees of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, let me extend to all of the people of Kansas my warmest greetings and most heartfelt congratulations on the 20th anniversary of the official dedication of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Highway. It is deeply gratifying that people of good will of all races remember and honor his life and work for justice and social decency. Your naming this highway after Martin Luther King, Jr. serves as a reminder to the entire nation that his dream of a beloved community is alive and well in the heartland of America. By carefully choosing which heroes and heroines to honor, a society begins to shape its history and its destiny. In this spirit, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Highway brings us one step closer to fulfilling the American dream of brotherhood, peace and prosperity for all of our people"; and

WHEREAS, Earlier related activities were, as sponsored by the Black History Month Founder's Commission on March 20 at the Topeka-Shawnee County Public Library, an American Women History Month Celebration and the 150th Anniversary Celebration of Uncle Tom's Cabin; and, as sponsored by the Bias Busters of Kansas and the Kansas Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Committee on April 4 at the Topeka-Shawnee County Public Library, the second annual Kansas Inclusion Day: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we recognize the efforts of these civic organizations in maintaining the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and in furthering his vision of the future of our nation; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide five enrolled copies of this resolution to Sonny Scroggins, 901 SW Taylor, Apt. 111, Topeka, Kansas 66604.

Senate Resolution No. 1847 was sponsored by Senator Anthony Hensley.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*