

House Resolution No. 32

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to honor the lasting legacy of one of this country's most dedicated public servants and beloved spiritual leaders; and

Whereas, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. State Celebration Commission will hold the official Kick-Off Program for the State of Missouri in the main auditorium of Harris-Stowe State College on January 10, 2004; and

Whereas, this momentous event will be led by keynote speaker Mr. Kweisi Mfume, President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); and

Whereas, this year's theme is "Embracing the Vision - Fulfilling the Dream!"; and

Whereas, the festive Kick-Off Program will celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who firmly believed that "the ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy"; and

Whereas, the memory and vision of Dr. King have been honored and preserved through the efforts of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. State Celebration Commission, which looks forward to the continuation of this important state project:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to all those dedicated individuals affiliated with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. State Celebration Commission Kick-Off Program at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing them only the very best as they honor Dr. King and his work through this fitting tribute; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation during the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. State Celebration Commission Kick-Off Program.

Offered by Speaker Catherine L. Hanaway
District No. 87

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 32, adopted January 9, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker