

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 14

Rep. Farhat offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to commemorate January 2023 as the 94th
2 anniversary of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

3 Whereas, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., sparks inspiration,
4 strength, and determination. He was born on January 15, 1929, but
5 the icon Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was born in 1955 when he first
6 caught the national eye while boycotting a transportation company
7 in Birmingham, Alabama; and

8 Whereas, Dr. King's life was prematurely ended, but is still
9 profoundly impactful. Although his time as an activist was cut
10 short, he managed to spearhead the 1964 Civil Rights Movement
11 ending public segregation on the basis of race, gender, or
12 religion; and

13 Whereas, His advocacy and determination helped secure the

1 right to vote for African Americans in 1965. MLK's nonviolent
2 approach taught the public humanity and the lessons set the
3 standard for how minority populations deserve to be treated. His
4 timeless teachings apply not only to the treatment of the black
5 population, but to any group who has suffered injustice at the
6 hands of the majority; and

7 Whereas, MLK serves as champion for the marginalized and
8 preached to the privileged. He helped foster an understanding
9 between the disenfranchised and the powerful. Honoring his legacy
10 acts as a reminder to the injustice our American brothers and
11 sisters endured; and

12 Whereas, Racism and injustice has not been eradicated since
13 Dr. King's untimely passing. In "Letter from Birmingham Jail" he
14 wrote "Lukewarm acceptance is much more bewildering than outright
15 rejection." It is the responsibility of this body to embrace
16 diversity and condemn injustice; and

17 Whereas, Dr. King planted the seed of equality. While it has
18 bloomed over the years, it is our responsibility to nurture it and
19 ensure it thrives. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., has set the example
20 for us, but it is up to us as a society to apply his inclusive
21 ideology and accept each other for who we are. We all know he had a
22 dream. Michiganders are encouraged to fulfill that dream and
23 continue down the path of equality and justice; now, therefore, be
24 it

25 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
26 this legislative body commemorate January 2023 as the 94th
27 anniversary of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.