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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

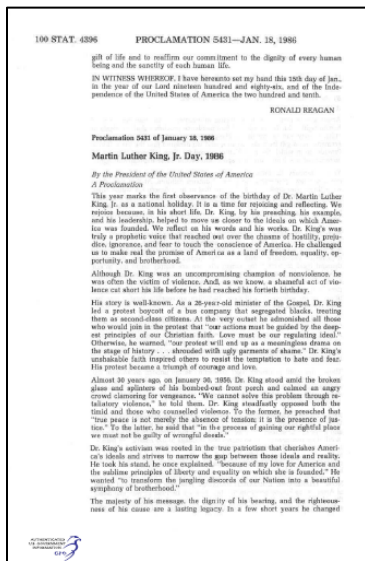


Let Freedom Ring

Happy Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. As many of us enjoy a long weekend, we must never forget the importance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s contribution to society and his impact on our shared American experience. On the day commemorating this great man's birthday, we honor a life that was dedicated to nonviolent opposition to racial discrimination, and promotion of racial equality. The diversity we celebrate as a university and a

nation has its roots in the civil rights movement Dr. King fought for so persistently.

President Ronald Reagan signed the holiday into law in 1983 and it is now celebrated the 3rd Monday of January each year. On the occasion of the signing, [President Reagan offered the following remarks](#): “Dr. King had awakened something strong and true, a sense that true justice must be colorblind, and that among white and black Americans, as he put it, ‘Their destiny is tied up with our destiny, and their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom; we cannot walk alone.’”



*Presidential proclamation signing
Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday into law.
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As I found myself absorbed in reading the Congressional Record of the Congressional Black Caucus from January 18, 2018, I was moved as speaker after speaker commented on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and reflected on the impact of his passion.

Dr. King’s message of peace is as relevant today as it was when first spoken. His political wisdom rings true for all ages and I was amused as I read one of Dr. King’s memorable quotes which was repeated by a member of the Congressional Black Caucus, “We may have come over here on different ships, but we are all in the same boat now.”

United States Representative Cedric Richmond, past chairman of the CBC, referenced Dr. King’s famous “I have a dream...” speech by reflecting,

“Everybody has a dream. The question becomes whether you have the willingness to sacrifice your future to make that dream come true.”

Dr. King not only had a dream for equality and selflessness, he made it his life’s mission to share that vision.



Congressional record of Congressional Black Caucus.
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I wish everyone a very Happy Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Enjoy the holiday, but take a few moments to remember the reason for the long weekend and celebrate a great man and an admirable life so well-lived.