

House Resolution 1574

By: Representatives Brooks of the 55th, Smyre of the 135th, O'Neal of the 146th, Abrams of the 89th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging the Capitol Art Standards Commission to authorize the erection of a statue
2 dedicated to the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was a native son of Georgia, the son of an Atlanta
4 preacher, whose life changed a nation and garnered international love and acclaim; and

5 WHEREAS, the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, to be located near the capitol,
6 is a proposed archives, museum, and cultural and research center in Atlanta, Georgia, with
7 the mission to commemorate the contributions of Georgians to the struggle for African
8 American freedom and equality; to highlight the contributions of current and future struggles
9 for freedom world wide; to encourage the discussion and study of human and civil rights
10 movements domestically and abroad; and to serve as a center for conflict resolution; and

11 WHEREAS, thousands of visitors to Atlanta will visit the center as well as the Martin Luther
12 King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change located a few blocks from the capitol; and

13 WHEREAS, it is only proper that a statue of Dr. King, a recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize,
14 be placed on the capitol grounds to honor this great man; and

15 WHEREAS, a statue of Dr. King in a prominent place on capitol grounds will demonstrate
16 to the world that Georgia is looking toward the future.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body encourage the Capitol Art Standards Commission to authorize the
19 erection of a statue dedicated to the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
21 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Capitol Art Standards
22 Commission.