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A servant-leader can only be authentic when there is recognition of individual depravity with the need of a redeeming savior. Martin Luther King Jr. was such a man and it is with great pleasure that I testify in support of this bill.

I have had the experience of participating in the march around the Statehouse and listening to speakers talk of this man who personified humble servant-leadership in both a general and specific cause and am excited to see what a full day of activities will bring with the official commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day at the Kansas people's house. Dr King's desire to speak and act on the principles of justice, freedom, and equality through non-violent means is evidence enough that we should have such a day at the capitol in this free state.

There is a plaque that hangs outside the old Supreme Court room. It is the arm of God, holding the scales of justice and projecting from the clouds of heaven above. May we all remember what God has done for us individually and collectively as one state and one nation either blessed for our obedience or cursed for our sin, and may the memory and the contributions made by Dr. Martin Luther King live on in our hearts, as well as our hands, and for our posterity to learn, enjoy and continue until we see the eternal mountaintop that awaits.

Thank you

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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. quotes- Google

"Those who are not looking for happiness are the most likely to find it, because those who are searching forget that the surest way to be happy is to seek happiness for others."

*"Power without love is reckless and abusive, and love without power is sentimental and anemic. Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice. Justice at its best is love correcting everything that stands against love."*

"We must all learn to live together as brothers, or we will all perish together as fools. We are tied together in the single garment of destiny, caught in an inescapable network of mutuality. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

"If our nation had done nothing more in its whole history than to create just two documents, its contribution to civilization would be imperishable. The first of these documents is the Declaration of Independence and the other is that which we are here to honor tonight, the Emancipation Proclamation. All tyrants, past, present and future, are powerless to bury the truths in these declarations, no matter how extensive their legions, how vast their power and how malignant their evil."