

Remarks of Hon. Geo. W. Crockett, Jr.  
under Special Order of Hon. John Conyers  
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MR. SPEAKER, I rise to strongly endorse the remarks made by my colleague and friend, John Conyers, concerning the bill he has introduced to make the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King a national holiday.

I am a co-sponsor of that bill, H.R. 800, and have worked with my colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus and other members of the House in bringing to the attention of our other colleagues the significance this measure holds among our constituents and among the other peoples of the world.

Dr. Martin Luther King exemplified the courage and commitment to the American ideal that have always been the hallmark of our "heroes." He was renowned not only by those working within our country for an end to racism, but also by all those individuals and groups around the world concerned with justice and equality. The effects of his labors were felt throughout our social and political structure. His methods of non-violent confrontation of oppression and injustice were models for an entire generation, and will undoubtedly live on far beyond the specific issues he fought for.

Mr. Speaker, I urge each of my colleagues to honor Dr. King for his tremendous contributions to our society, and for the lasting impact he had as a representative of the American ideals. I urge each Member of the House to support H.R. 800, and to work for its adoption in the Senate.