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BEFORE THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
RE: SENATE BILL 59
"Designating 'Martin Luther King Jr. Day' at the Capitol"

PROPONENT

Chairperson Thompson & Members of the Committee ... THANK you for your consideration of this measure.

Quite simply, this bill puts into statute that which has been traditionally recognized for most of my twenty-nine years now in the Kansas Legislature: Designating the Thursday prior to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday as 'Martin Luther King Jr. Day' at the Capitol.

Statewide, Kansas held our first observance in 1985. In accordance with this observance, state government offices are closed on the third Monday in January. This bill designates the Thursday prior to the holiday, as an official day at the Capital to do just that, *commemorate*, here; on a day where people and legislators are present.

I believe there is no additional fiscal note and that we as a proud State will take further pride in enacting SB59.

Thank you again. I am pleased to stand for questions, Mr. Chairman, when you deem the time appropriate.

Respectfully Submitted,

--David Haley

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