



## H.Res. 43 – Recognizing the efforts of those who serve their communities on Martin Luther King Day and promoting the holiday as a day of national service

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### FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 43 is being considered on the floor under a motion to suspend the rules, requiring a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Rep. Todd Platts (R-PA) on January 9, 2009, and was referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor, but was never considered.

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### SUMMARY

H.Res. 43 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “encourages all Americans to pay tribute to the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through participation in community service projects on Martin Luther King Day;
- “recognizes the inherent value of community service and volunteerism in the creation of civil society and as a means of non-violent community progress consistent with the works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.;
- “recognizes the benefits of the collaborative work by the many organizations that promote, facilitate, and carry out needed service projects nationwide;
- “encourages its members and colleagues to urge their constituents, both in congressional districts and those visiting the District of Columbia on Inauguration Day, to participate in community service projects; and
- “acknowledges that by serving one’s country, one’s community and one’s neighbor our Nation makes progress in civility, equality, and unity consistent with the values and life’s work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.”

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### BACKGROUND

The King Holiday and Service Act, a law designating Martin Luther King Day as a national day of volunteer service, was signed into law in 1994.

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