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Res. No. 1148

Resolution calling upon all New Yorkers to contribute toward the construction of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial to be built with private donations on the Mall of Washington, D.C.

By Council Members Foster, Malave-Dilan, Espada, Freed, Lopez, Marshall, Miller, Quinn and Warden; also Council Members Eisland, McCaffrey, Michels, O'Donovan, Perkins, Povman, Rivera, Robinson, Robles, Rodriguez and Spigner.

Whereas, The National Capital Planning Commission approved on December 3, 1999 the construction of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial on the Mall in Washington D.C. to be situated on a four acre site on the Tidal Basin between the Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials; and

Whereas, The fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha, began crusading in 1984 for a Memorial in Washington D.C. to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., including setting up a foundation to raise money for the Memorial; and

Whereas, Symbolically, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial will be situated near the place where he made his "I Have A Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial at the March on Washington in 1963; and

Whereas, There will be a national competition to design the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, which will be judged by a nine member jury by May 1, 2000, led by Dr. E. Jackson, Jr., Director of Research at the American Institute of Architecture; and

Whereas, The deadline to register for the design competition is April 1, 2000, entries must be submitted by May 1, 2000, and the winner will be announced on June 1, 2000; and

Whereas, The Foundation to build a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial has until November 12, 2003 to complete the design, raise the money, and break ground; and

Whereas, Dr. King's Memorial is expected to cost tens of millions of dollars; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon all New Yorkers to contribute to the construction of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial to be built with private donations on the Mall of Washington D.C.

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