

RESOLUTION

THE CITY OF ELBERTON DOES HEREBY ADOPT THIS RESOLUTION IN REGARDS TO THE PRODUCTION OF A NATIONAL MONUMENT TO THE LATE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING; SAID MONUMENT TO BE PLACED ON THE NATIONAL MALL IN WASHINGTON, DC.

WHEREAS: Elberton, Georgia is known throughout the world as “The Granite Capitol of the World”; and

WHEREAS: Elberton Granite has been quarried and manufactured into monuments for more than 100 years and can be found in all 50 states; and

WHEREAS: There are today no less than 45 active dimension stone quarries in this area that includes Elbert, Oglethorpe, Madison, Wilkes and Greene counties; and

WHEREAS: The local granite industry employs about 1,200 workers with an annual payroll of \$62 million which makes the granite industry the economic hub of this region; and

WHEREAS: The quarries and manufacturers of the Elberton Granite Association are strongly opposed to the Martin Luther King National Memorial being manufactured in China, using Chinese granite, sculptors and other craftsmen; and

WHEREAS: It is our belief that proper bidding procedures were not followed and the award of this contact to the Chinese who recognize few if any civil rights, shows a total disregard for the principles for which Dr. King gave his life; and

WHEREAS: The Mayor and Council of the City of Elberton oppose the award of this work to any overseas supplier and request the memorial project to be returned to the United States and material to be used shall be domestic granite, preferably Elberton Granite quarried and manufactured in Elberton, Georgia, “The Granite Capital of the World”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread across the permanent records of the State of Georgia and the United States of America.

DULY ADOPTED IN OPEN SESSION ON THIS THE 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2008.