

The State of Georgia's
33rd Annual
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Holiday Tribute

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***“Georgians Coming Together to Serve,
Honoring the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,
and Coretta Scott King”***

**The Martin Luther King, Jr. Advisory Council
wishes to thank:**

The King Family for its participation in the State
of Georgia's Annual Martin Luther King, Jr.
Tribute; and,
The Georgia AmeriCorps program and Youth
Villages (Douglasville) for providing assistance to
this event.

Friday, January the Twelfth
Two Thousand Eighteen
11:30 a.m.
North Wing
Georgia State Capitol

Governor Nathan Deal

Lt. Governor Casey Cagle

Speaker David Ralston

Holiday Tribute Program



Welcome & Remarks	Commissioner Christopher Nunn <i>Georgia Department of Community Affairs</i>
Invocation	Commissioner Christopher Nunn
Presentation of Colors	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. High School Color Guard
Pledge of Allegiance	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. High School Chorus
Introduction of Speaker David Ralston	Mr. Demarius Brinkley <i>Member, Martin Luther King, Jr. Advisory Council</i>
Remarks	Speaker of the House David Ralston <i>Georgia House of Representatives</i>
Presentation of the Proclamation	Speaker David Ralston
Acceptance of Proclamation & Remarks	The King Family
Musical Selections	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. High School Chorus <i>Dr. Changa Miller, Director</i>
Remarks	Senator Lester Jackson <i>Chair, Georgia Legislative Black Caucus</i>
Musical Selections	The Atlanta Boy Choir & Alumni <i>Maestro Fletcher Wolfe</i>
Remarks	Kristie C. Raymer <i>Vice-President, National Center for Civil & Human Rights</i>

Introduction of Keynote Speaker **Senator Emanuel Jones**
Chair, Georgia's Martin Luther King, Jr. Advisory Council

Keynote Address **Dr. Gerald L. Durley**
Pastor Emeritus, Providence Missionary Baptist Church of Atlanta

Presentation of Awards **Senator Emanuel Jones**

Benediction **Reverend Cal Merrell**



Keynote Speaker

The Rev. Dr. Gerald L. Durley was born in Wichita, Kansas; grew up in California, and graduated from high school in Denver, Colorado. He was recruited to play basketball for Tennessee State University where he became a student leader in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's. Upon earning a degree in psychology, Dr. Durley became one of the first U.S. Peace Corp volunteers to serve in Nigeria. Upon leaving Nigeria he relocated to Switzerland and played basketball for a National Swiss team while completing post graduate studies. After arriving back in America, Dr. Durley enrolled at the Howard University School of Divinity and earned the Master of Divinity. After 25 years of service, he retired as the pastor of Providence Missionary Baptist Church and is currently the Pastor Emeritus.

Dr. Durley has been recognized in the *International Civil Rights Walk of Fame* at the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site, and has a published autobiography, *I Am Amazed! Reflections on an Awe-Inspired Life*.

He has been married for almost 50 years to his wife, Muriel. They have two children and four grandchildren.