

□ 40th Annual Antioch's Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance First In Texas

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The Hon. Dr. F.N. Williams, Sr., founder of the first Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance in Texas, presented a celebration with hundreds in attendance. This historic event was held at the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, (heart of Acres Home). Antioch Praise and Worship Team presented a tribute to Dr. King. The Thelma Cares Ensemble Vocal Medley, Thelma Cares Academy and an excellent performance from the youth of New Jerusalem MBC.

The Annual King Rally honored "Youth In Leadership." The honorees under the spotlight were: Shekira Dennis, TSU-SGA president; Juan Sorto, TSU-SGA vice president; Marshaun Williams, TSU-Freeman Honors student, member of the TSU Debate Team; Jalicia Hines, Sterling High Captain, Debate Team, ROTC Drill Officer; and Brae Francis, Sterling High, Cheerleader Captain. Sister Autumn Henry served as Mistress of Ceremonies and Rev. Kevin Green served as the Keynote Speaker.

The Memorial Service was the highlight of the night with Deacon Lubbie Owens and Jose Grinan, Fox 26 News served as Masters of Ceremonies. Texas Southern University Visionary President, Dr. John M. Rudley delivered greetings to over three hundred in attendance.

The Hon. Benjamin L. Hall, III, Ph.D., J.D. served as the Keynote Speaker.

Dr. Williams' presentation of "Black Men In Leadership" consisted of Ed Banks, Mayor of Third Ward; Hon. C. O. Bradford, City Councilmember; Hon. Prince Cartwright, Judge; Don K. Clark, Former FBI director; Hon. Jerry V. Davis, City Councilmember; Roderick Dow, PC; David Edwards, United National Insurance; Harry Hayes, Director City of Houston SWMD; Fred

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Hoyer, Bayway Lincoln Mercury; Hon. Gerald Joseph, Grand Knight; Carlton Land, Shiner & 33rd Degree Mason' Rev. Ray Martin, PABA; Captain Paul Matthews, Buffalo Soldiers National Museum; Hon. Howard Middleton, Board Member, Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo; Dr. Bobby E. Mills, Educational Consultant; Hon. Minister Robert Muhammad, Nation of Islam; Hon. Chris Oliver, HCC Trustee; Hon Ron Reynolds, State Rep.; Dr. Thurman W. Robin, Author; Matthew Rogers, Jr., President Power Center Pharmacy; Hon. Carroll G. Robinson, HCC Trustee; William "Bill" Rosemon, President, Rose, Bud Landscaping; Hon. Dr. John M. Rudley, visionary President, Texas Southern University; Hon. Dr. Vernus C. Swisher, Chief Executive Officer, Career and Recovery Resources; Ramond E. Thompson, Jr., President Cultural Concepts; Tashon Thomas, graduating senior TSU and former President of Debate Team; Bubbha Thomas, Texas Legend Jazz Education, Inc., and the Hon. Sylvester Turner, Esq., Texas 'Statesman, State Rep., and has his own law firm, Barnes & Turner.

All honorees were commissioned to serve as a TSU Diplomat and Judge Prince Cartwright conducted the swearing in ceremony. The duties of the Diplomats; Assist President Rudley with the Student Chapter of "100 Black Men", on the beautiful campus of TSU.

Become a member of the TSU Speakers' Bureau, Encourage others to give of their time, talent and treasure to Houston's only HBCU-TSU, a Provost Studios portrait of each Diplomat will be displayed on a special wall of honors at TSU.

Each Diplomat will receive a TSU Diplomat ID card for admission to special events on the Main and Northwest campuses of TSU.

Pastor H. Stanley, president of the Houston Pastors and Ministers Fellowship are partners in this historic celebration. Sister Anita Brown, Antioch's Administrative Assistant coordinated both memorable celebrations.{jcomments on}