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GABEO NEWS

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 24, 2008

ANNUAL MARCH ON THE MOORE'S FORD BRIDGE

Join GABEO
Friday, April 4, 2008
40th Anniversary Commemoration of
The Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther
King, Jr.

Demanding Arrest and Prosecution of Those Participants

in the Lynchings at the Moore's Ford Bridge Monroe, Walton County, Georgia, July 25, 1946

10 a.m. News Conference on the Bridge – Speaker: U. S. Congressman John Lewis, Sponsor H.R. 923 (The Emmett Till Bill) – Congressional Report and Update

12 Noon Rally for Justice, 1st African Baptist Church, Monroe – Tyler Street off Highway 11 (Main Street) near Highway 78, Note: look for Church's Chicken, (770) 267-5819, Rep. Roberta Abdul-Salaam, Presiding

1 p.m. Motorcade to the historic memorial marker on Highway 78 remembering the victims: Roger and Dorothy Malcom, George and Mae Murray Dorsey (and the unborn infant)

Mayor Willie Burns, Washington, Georgia, President, Georgia Conference of Black Mayors

Helen Butler, Director, Georgia Coalition for the People's Agenda Edward Dubose, President, Georgia State Conference NAACP Rev. Darryl Elligan, President, Concerned Black Clergy of Metro Atlanta

Robert Howard, Civil Rights Activist, Walton County Hattie Lawson, Chair, Moore's Ford Memorial Committee Janice Mathis, Vice President, Rainbow PUSH Rita Samuels, Founder, Georgia Coalition of Black Women Charles Steele, National SCLC President and former Senator, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Rep. Al Williams, Chair of Georgia Legislative Black Caucus

and Tyrone Brooks, President of GABEO, will lead movement veterans, civil rights workers and clergy on **The March to the Moore's Ford Bridge** for the ceremony to revisit the bridge and continue the unfinished work of Dr. King.

5 p.m. Reception for participants and relatives of victims

Next Action Event: Fourth annual reenactment of the lynching

massacre at the Moore's Ford Bridge, July 25, 2008, 12 Noon. For More Information Contact: Rep. Tyrone Brooks, President, Georgia Association of Black Elected Officials, (404) 656-6372 or (404) 372-1894. www.gabeo.org http://www.gabeo.org/>

Note: GABEO reward fund \$30,000 for information that leads to the successful arrest and prosecution of any of the killers.

Directions

From Atlanta: Take I-20 East Exit at Conyers-Athens Take Highway 138

Turn left and head straight to Monroe (Pass McDonalds on your left and keep straight on Highway 78)

Exit at Highway 11 (Monroe Exit)

Turn right

Go one block and turn left on Tyler Street Church is on your left (look for Church's Chicken on the right)

Telephone (770) 267-5819

Coming I-20 West:
Exit at Monroe Monticello Exit #98

Turn right. Stay on Highway 11 straight to Monroe
(Approximately 13 miles)

You will pass through downtown Social Circle
Go straight ahead to Monroe
Look for Church's Chicken on your left
Turn right on Tyler Street
You are at the church.

Coming From Athens: Take Highway 78 West to Monroe Exit on East Spring Street, come into town Take a right on Broad Street at courthouse (Hwy.11)

Turn right and come up to Church's Chicken

Turn right on Tyler Street.

Coming from Stone Mountain or Gwinnett County Area: Take Highway 78 East to Monroe

Coming from Macon area:

Come to Monticello

Take Highway 11, North all the way to Monroe

(Follow the instructions as outlined above)

Note: If you pass Church's Chicken you have gone too far.