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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
Commemorative Stamp Ceremony
Ebenezer Baptist Church
Atlanta, Georgia
January 13, 1979

PROGRAM

Musical Selection	Morehouse College Glee Club
Welcome and Invocation	Dr. Joseph Roberts <i>Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church</i>
Introduction of Dr. Benjamin E. Mays	Isaac Farris <i>Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Social Change</i>
Remarks	Dr. Benjamin E. Mays <i>Chairman of the Board of Trustees Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Social Change</i>
Introduction of William F. Bolger, <i>Postmaster General of the United States</i>	Mr. Farris
Remarks and Presentation of Albums	Mr. Bolger
Musical Selection	Morehouse College Glee Club
Benediction	Dr. Roberts



FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

The commemorative postage stamp issued today honors Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., dreamer and doer. It will be available at all U.S. post offices on January 15, the 50th anniversary of Dr. King's birth in a house just about a block from his burial place. Few have traveled so far to cover such a short distance. Dr. King used positive resistance as a powerful tool to bring about peaceful change. He sought equal rights in employment, housing and civil affairs by mobilizing all-out efforts for first class citizenship, conducting training workshops, stimulating legal and legislative change in the courts and in Congress and by rousing ministers to increased awareness of their social responsibilities. Dr. King inspired people of all classes to join in the struggle for equal

rights and preached self-reliance and the excellence of human achievement. When accepting the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, Dr. King said: "I have the audacity to believe that people everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds and dignity for their spirits." The stamp honoring Dr. King is the second in the Black Heritage USA series that recognizes the contributions of Black Americans to the growth and development of the United States. The series began with the issuance of the Harriet Tubman commemorative stamp, February 1, 1978. Jerry Pinkney of Croton-on-Hudson, New York, designed both the King and Tubman stamps and the portrait of Dr. King that appears on the cover of this program.



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