

**ROYAL HOMECOMING 2018 CHURCH SERVICE PRESENTATION- total time approx. 12 minutes**

**Instruction: Once Steele is at the podium; please start the power point.**

Good Morning. I am Beverly Steele, Founder of Young Performing Artists (YPAs), Inc., CEO of The Steele Organization, LLC and a member of the Anderson, Steele Robinson family.

In 2011, we recognized 24 of our community's elders as our Royal Warriors. At that time, they were 80+ years young. Since then, 14 out of the 24 have transitioned from earth to resting with the Lord. This year, we want to honor their **legacy**.

**What is legacy?** Legacy is something transmitted by or received from an ancestor or predecessor.

**What does the bible teach about legacy?** According to Relevant Bible Teaching.com it states that Parents of children who will grow up in the coming years need to leave a legacy of righteousness for their children. Proverbs 13:22 says, "A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, And the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous." While not squandering what God entrusts people with matters, not everybody can give their children and grandchildren an inheritance of money and/ or land. But they can give something more valuable, and that is a legacy of godliness and an example of faith and obedience. As Proverbs 16:16 says, "How much better it is to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding is to be chosen above silver." The fact is that children and grandchildren who learn wisdom, even if they have little financially, will be better off than if they had all the money in the world and without wisdom. Leaving a legacy of righteousness requires a perspective that invests in the future and that isn't consumed with self.

Honoring the legacy of our Warriors identified in 2011 as those who did not back down from adversity, conflict or battle and fought to ensure the continuity of this Community. And, the ones, who have transitioned; they left us a legacy of righteousness as well as a cohesive community and land- past through the generations since 1865.

When we call each warrior's name, we ask that you hold your applause.

**Instruction: LaFreda will start singing (acapella):**

Now, introducing the Royal Warriors from 2011, who were 80+ years young and have transitioned in the graceful arms of the Lord, in

alphabetical order: Sis. Caldonia Brooks **(we honor and salute your legacy)**, Sis. Mary Lee Brooks **(we honor and salute your legacy)**, Bro. Nathaniel Erving **(we honor and salute your legacy)**, Sis. Victoria Johnson **(we honor and salute your legacy)**, Sis. Beatrice Mathews **(we honor and salute your legacy)**, Sis. Flossie Patterson **(we honor and salute your legacy)**, Sis. Rosi Presley **(we honor and salute your legacy)**, Bro. Ernic Levi Sesler , Sr. **(we honor and salute your legacy)**, Bro. Eddie Spyles **(we honor and salute your legacy)**, Sis. Susie Steele **(we honor and salute your legacy)**, Mother Polly Wideman, **(we honor and salute your legacy)**, Bro. Adolphus Wilson **(we honor and salute your legacy)**, Sis. Annie Wilson **(we honor and salute your legacy)** and Mother Peggy Olivia Davis, who was just 2 weeks shy of her 104<sup>th</sup> birthdate at her passing in September last year **(we honor and salute your legacy)** .

With that said, we would like to unveil Mother Peggy Olivia Davis' large format portrait drawn by a 15-year-old young artist, who is losing her sight, and financially donated by Lieutenant Colonel James Wideman, who is stationed in Afghanistan, her nephew. This portrait will be hung on the 'Wall of Honor' in the Alonzo A. Young, Sr. Enrichment & Historical Center with our other Wall of Honorees: the late Reverend Mathew Beard, who was 115 when he passed and the late Mother Polly Wideman, who was 109 when she passed.

**Instruction: Power point will show Mother Davis' picture until after unveiling; then move to credits. During unveiling LaFreda will continue singing until powerpoint credits shows.**

LADIES & GENTLEMEN; BOYS & GIRLS; THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY OF ROYAL-LET'S THANK GOD FOR OUR ROYAL WARRIORS, who were 80+ years young in 2011 and have since transitioned. And, let us not forget to Thank God for the ones, who has since 2011 reached the young age of 80+ and the ones from 2011, still present with us- today. **YOU MAY APPLAUD THEM-NOW.**

Now, I introduce Mr. Cliff Hughes, Chair of the Community Of Royal (COR), Inc.

**Instruction: PowerPoint credits shows while Cliff is speaking (3 minutes)and will loop back to first slide.**

**Instruction: After Cliff, LaFreda sings as we exit the platform; ending the presentation and PowerPoint.**

**THANK YOU.**