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Greetings from Atlanta: City of Peace. A special 'date-in-history' is upon us.

The Exact 10th Anniversary of Coretta Scott King's Death, Jan. 30, 2006

and

The Exact 68th Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's Death, Jan. 30, 1948

Below, you will find a copy of our organization's article that was submitted for publication to the Atlanta Journal Constitution as an **AJC-OPINION COLUMN** for Sat. 01/30.

Atlanta: City of Peace is committed to internalizing and also emanating Dr. King's urgency-perspective and 'CALL' in this great quote below. Dr. King (51 years ago in his Nobel Peace Prize acceptance Speech) stated:

"This call for a worldwide fellowship that lifts neighborly concern beyond one's tribe, race, class, and nation is in reality a call for an all-embracing and unconditional love for all humankind... We are now faced with the fact, my friends, that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there is such a thing as being too late."

To Atlanta's health, our Global Family's health + the great virtues of courage, peace, love & nonviolence...

"In Memory & Celebration of Mahatma & Mrs. King. Rest in Peace!"

Mahatma Gandhi
[Died: Jan. 30, 1948]
"Man of the Millennium"
(Year 1000-2000)

Coretta Scott King
[Died: Jan. 30, 2006]
"Matriarch of the Peace Millennium"
(Year 2000-3000)

"May their lives, accomplishments, sacrifices and legacies live forever."

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"Celebrating Coretta, our Global Family's GREAT sister!"

By John R. Naugle, President & CEO- Atlanta: City of Peace, Inc. (ACP)

Today, January 30, is an historic date: Coretta Scott King's exact 10th Memorial Anniversary (she died January 30, 2006). Our DREAM for citizens throughout Dr. King's birthplace and in different parts of Georgia, plus around the USA and world is to find special ways to celebrate Coretta, a GREAT sister in our Global Family.

Here is one way. We welcome everyone -- young and old, local or global -- to sign our new online petition to 'plant' the world's biggest peace garden and to become key official co-founders for "Coretta's Global Peace Garden" (details: www.globalpeacegarden.org).

US-Congressman John Lewis proclaimed on 01/31/2006, just one day after Mrs. King's death:

"Coretta Scott King institutionalized Martin's memory for generations to come-- and so it's not just his memory, but also his method and message. She must be remembered, in my estimation, as one of the founding mothers of the new America."

Active citizens everywhere are invited and uniquely positioned to inspire many other global citizens on how to celebrate Coretta, our extended family's great sister. We must also recall her inspiring legacy as a wife, mother, teacher, artist, civic leader and Honorary Matriarch of the Peace Millennium (Years 2000-3000).

President Carter, the USA's most-productive former president of our country's 240-year history, proclaimed this 10 years ago at Mrs. King's memorial:

"The efforts of Martin and Coretta, although not appreciated even at the highest level of government, have changed America."

Citizens of Georgia: The Peace State and everywhere, do you appreciate the service legacies of Dr. & Mrs. King? If so, can we better celebrate them? In most published book of human history it says to ***"Honor your father and your mother"*** if you want a long, promising future.

Good providence has bestowed two GREAT parental figures upon us. Respected worldwide, Dr. & Mrs. King can easily represent our city, state, nation and even Planet Earth. Dr. King proclaimed:

"Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend."

It is impossible to quantify Mrs. King's beneficent effect on the globally-respected accomplishments and sacrifices of her husband or on Atlanta's substantial global peace legacy. With the regal disposition of a queen, she marched through valleys of despair and mountain-tops of hope with a great commitment to LOVE, the powerful virtue now inscribed on her tomb.

Scholars say Coretta was a peacemaker even before first meeting Martin. Early, she encouraged him to emulate the nonviolent strategies of Gandhi: Man of the Millennium (Years 1000-2000). In 1959, she and Martin toured India: The World's Biggest Democracy and upon arriving at New Delhi's Airport, Dr. King proclaimed...

"To other countries I go as a tourist, but to India I come as a pilgrim!"

During their India sojourn Coretta, the inspiring artist, sang beautiful songs to crowds along the way.

Compassionately caring for her husband and children through the hard years of the civil rights movement she remained dignified and strong. How would you do if you regularly received racist death-threats via letters and telephone calls? Could you consistently emanate love if your children were terrorized, your home phone was wiretapped by the FBI, or fire-bombed by extremists? Would you remain a dignified loving pillar of 'The Beloved Community' if your husband was assassinated?

Because of Coretta and Martin's globally respected peace legacies, and of being major proponents of Gandhi, Atlanta is now the best positioned city on Earth to eventually receive a phenomenal windfall of economic and societal reward. As leaders of Dr. King's birthplace develop peace projects of every kind, they can be assured of receiving substantial new benefits from...

"TOURISM: The World's Biggest Peace Industry"

and Atlanta's still-ignored huge asset:

"The Gandhi-King Global Peace Connection"

Mrs. King excelled at establishing the KING Center in 1968, and for 18 years following she led the initiative convincing the US Government to create MLK Day, a federal holiday now observing its 30th Anniversary (1986-2016). She received numerous national and international awards over the years. In 1969, Italy gave her the Universal Love Award, the only non-Italian to receive one.

Coretta led in the establishment of the Gandhi Room at the King Center and in 1998 worked with Andrew Young and Subash Razdan of the Gandhi Foundation USA to erect the Gandhi Statue at the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site. In 2004, the Government of India awarded Coretta Scott King with the prestigious Gandhi Peace Prize. Auspiciously, she even died on the same day-of-the-month as Gandhi did in 1948. These two great peacemakers are connected forever in a 'day-of-history', January 30.

Regarding Coretta, an India leader inspired by her proclaimed: ***"Women are the true hope and power of the Third Millennium."*** In 2006, her death created a huge loss and void in Atlanta. Our organization addressed that void by declaring her Honorary Matriarch for Atlanta: City of Peace and the Peace Millennium (Years 2000-3000) because she excelled above all in nurturing Atlanta's greatest asset, the Gandhi-King Global Peace Connection.

INVITATION: Join us as a key official co-founder and sign our [new online petition](#) to establish ***Coretta's Global Peace Garden***. Together, we can grow this into the world's biggest peace garden and significantly nurture Atlanta's global peace legacy. Let's convince city officials that 'Westside Park' is a forgettable name and to 'plant' this huge garden in celebration of Coretta, a GREAT sister in our Global Family. May her globally-respected love and peace legacy live on for many generations of the future and may Gandhi's GREAT service to humanity surge forth too!