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"Gifting a Global Capital of Peace to our Global Family!"

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Laura: Founding Mother of the New Atlanta?

Jason: Future Governor of Georgia: The Peace State?

Greetings from Atlanta: City of Peace. Laura & Jason, a copy of my **PROPOSED AJC-OPINION COLUMN** for Sat. 01/30/2016 is below.

Thanks for your continued inspiration to be socially-active. Question: IF a 10 year-old child came to you and stated: **"I have a great service idea to transform Dr. King's birthplace into a global capital of peace"** and you deemed it was a noble and actionable service-dream, wouldn't you reply like this?

"Let's do it!"

Well, IF you're courageous, your reply can be the same for me? Because I may still be lacking in certain skills to scale a huge organization + respective projects does not mean I can't learn them quickly with a bit of guidance.

Yes, in a sense I am still a child - regarding the inability to scale a dynamic organization that will transform HOW our global family is inspired by Atlanta for the many generations and centuries of the Peace Millennium ahead. However, let's recall what Gandhi: Man of the Millennium (Years 1000-2000) said about children:

**"IF we are to teach real peace in the world...
we must begin with the children."**

On a related note, Good News! Saturday is an historic date. Do you have anything special planned? If not, [please sign our petition](#) and/or make a proclamation of support on:

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

Great News! On Saturday night, IF Mr. Ramsey Lewis (three time Grammy® award winner) accepts my proposal (included + it references 'Ted' & 'Jimmy' quotes) I may be standing on stage with him, at the Rialto Theater, to invite the audience to become key official co-founders for **Coretta's Global Peace Garden**.

Laura & Jason, do you fully understand that Atlanta: City of Peace is committed to internalizing and also emanating Dr. King's urgency-perspective & '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."

Ask yourself, **"What if the initiative to honor Coretta Scott King with 'planting' the world's biggest peace garden fails because I (you) did not have the courage to ACT?"**

For the record, I still want you as individuals, plus your respective entities; the Captain Planet Foundation, the Turner Foundation and the Carter Center to accept our urgent invitation/appeal and become engaged key official co-founders in our DREAM for the birthplace of Dr. King -- where he authored **"I HAVE A DREAM!"**

Below is a copy of the **PROPOSED AJC-OPINION COLUMN** that I submitted and hopefully it will be published Saturday, the **Exact 10th Anniversary of Coretta Scott King's Death, Jan. 30, 2006**.

Jason, I referenced your grandfather's GREAT quote about Martin & Coretta from 2006!

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

Respectfully,

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SUBMITTED AJC-OPINION COLUMN for Jan. 30, 2016

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

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, 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 this on 01/31/2006, just one day after Mrs. King's death: "**Coretta Scott King institutionalized Martin's memory for generations to come... She must be remembered... as one of the founding mothers of the new America.**"

Citizens of Atlanta: City of Peace, you are 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 most-productive former president in the USA'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, do you appreciate the service-legacies of Dr. & Mrs. King? If so, how can we better celebrate them? In the 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 could easily represent our city, state, nation and 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 global peace legacy. With the regal disposition of a queen, she marched through valleys of despair and mountain-tops of hope with LOVE, the great virtue now inscribed on her tomb.

Scholars say Coretta was a peacemaker before 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 consummate artist, sang 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 home phone was wiretapped by the FBI, or fire-bombed by extremists?

Because of Coretta and Martin's great legacies, and of being major proponents of Gandhi, Atlanta's 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 substantial new benefits through Tourism: The World's Biggest Peace Industry.

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 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; January 30.

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 that was addressed by declaring her Honorary Matriarch for Atlanta: City of Peace because she excelled above all in nurturing Atlanta's greatest asset, the Gandhi-King Global Peace Connection.

INVITATION: Join us as a key co-founder and sign our new online petition to establish Coretta's Global Peace Garden. 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!