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America's 44th President

President Obama Urges Nation to Rise Above the Challenges

Barack Obama stands next to his wife Michelle as he is sworn in as the 44th president of the United States. Obama acknowledged in his inaugural address that the nation is in crisis, but said America remains the most powerful nation on Earth. "Starting today, we must pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and begin again the work of remaking America," the president said.

On January 28, 2009, The Savannah Tribune will publish a Special Edition on the inaugural events. This edition will feature an indept look at the swearing in of President Barack Obama.

Celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King's Dream



"This will be the day--(is)--when all of God's children will be able to sing with a new meaning, "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring."

And if America is to be a great nation this must become true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania!

Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado!

Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California! But not only that; let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia!

Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee!

Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Senator Lester Jackson, III takes the Oath of Office



State Senator Lester G. Jackson III of District 2 was sworn in by Henry County Superior Court Judge Arch W. McGarity as the 2009 Georgia General Assembly got underway. On hand for the ceremony was Dr. Jackson's wife, Lorna and their three children Lester IV, Leah, Johnathan along with his parents and dozens of out of town relatives and friends. After serving nine years in the House of Representatives, Dr. Jackson replaces former Senator Regina Thomas.

Miller Sworn In As New Chief Judge of the Georgia Court of Appeals

First African American Woman to head Georgia's Court of Appeals

Atlanta, GA – The Honorable M. Yvette Miller was sworn in as the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Georgia on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at the Georgia State Capitol. She is the first African American woman to hold this position. Judge Miller joins Chief Justice Leah Ward Sears as these two African American women lead Georgia's State Appellate Courts. The Honorable Gary B. Andrews, Presiding Judge of the Court of Appeals of Georgia, administered the oath of office before a packed audience of members of the judiciary, Georgia State officials, attorneys, family and friends of Chief Judge Miller.

First appointed to the Court of Appeals in 1999 by Governor Roy Barnes, Judge Miller has been re-elected statewide for two six-year terms. She will be responsible for the administration on the Court and will act as the head of



The Honorable Gary B. Andrews, Presiding Judge of the Court of Appeals of Georgia, administered the oath of office to The Honorable M. Yvette Miller.

the Court for ceremonial purposes and for all communications.

Yvette Miller was born and raised in middle Georgia, and calls Macon her home. With the help of her family, she integrated the public schools of Bibb County was the first African-American student to attend 7th grade at Walter P. Jones School.

She received her B.A. degree, cum laude, from Mercer University and her J.D. degree from Mercer's Walter F. George School of Law. Judge Miller also earned an LL.M. degree in litigation from Emory University School of Law and an LL.M. degree in Judicial Process from the University of Georgia. See Miller Sworn In, page 6

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