

Martin Luther King, Jr. Monument, Red Springs ^[1]

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Description: This memorial is made of three vertical granite slabs, two light and one dark. The lighter colored slabs which flank the darker of the three bear the inscriptions from Dr. King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech. The dark slab depicts etched images of Dr. King.

Inscription:

Center: DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Left: I HAVE A DREAM THAT ONE DAY THIS / NATION WILL RISE UP AND LIVE OUT / THE TRUE MEANING OF ITS CREED, / WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE / SELF-EVIDENT, THAT ALL MEN ARE / CREATED EQUAL.

Right: I HAVE A DREAM THAT MY FOUR/ LITTLE CHILDREN WILL ONE DAY/ LIVE IN A NATION WHERE THEY WILL/ NOT BE JUDGED BY THE COLOR OF/ THEIR SKIN BUT BY THE CONTENT/ OF THEIR CHARACTER.

Dedication date: 9/30/2006

Creator: Alan Parnell, Designer

Materials & Techniques: Granite

Sponsor: Town of Red Springs Board of Commissioners; Linda Mack ran a fundraising committee to raise money for the construction of the monument.

Cost: \$8000

Unveiling & Dedication: The dedication ceremony was well-attended. The Rev. Vernon King, nephew of MLK, Jr., a resident of Greensboro, spoke at the ceremony. Town commissioner Linda Mack also spoke, as did Mayor George Paris, Robeson County Commissioner Noah Woods and Red Springs Town Commissioner E.H. Alexander. "Dr. King would have been proud of us today, because we see a picture of different races here and we've all worked together to make this

day happen. I don't want it to stop here; I want us to continue to work together. If we work together, it's amazing what we can do because there's no limit to what we can get done and that's what we're striving for," said Mrs. Mack.

Subject notes: Martin Luther King, Jr. was a clergyman and leader of the civil rights movement.

Location: It is located at the intersection of Main Street and East Fourth Avenue in Red Springs.

Landscape: Surrounding the monument is a local park.

City: Red Springs

County: Robeson

Subjects: Historic African American Figures, Historic Protest Figures

Latitude: 34.8149

Longitude: -79.18258

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