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Nigerians in Georgia, USA, celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Atlanta, GA., January 17th, 2011: Today, January 17th, the Alliance of Nigerian Organizations in Georgia (ANOG), joined DeKalb NAACP and in fact the rest of the world in paying homage to one of the "World's Greatest Heroes," at an MLK Parade and Rally. This is the first time that ANOG will collaborate with DeKalb NAACP in celebrating Martin Luther King's legacy. Dr. King devoted his Life to Love, Peace, Non-violence, Civil Rights and Human Rights for All Mankind.

The purpose of ANOG participation in this parade/rally was to enable our Nigerian Community to reach out more to the larger community, foster bi-organizational relations and relate with Dr. Martin Luther King's fight for the freedom, equality, and dignity of all races and peoples. The Nigerian Community in Georgia identifies with the national remembrance of the civil rights icon as an opportunity for the country to renew its commitment to King's cause.

The holiday has brought the freedom struggle into the main narrative. The day is appreciated as a moment of reflection against racism, poverty, war and all ramifications of social injustice. It's not just an African-American holiday, but rather an occasion to understand the experience of people who had to overcome racial segregation and how this can be replicated in other parts of the world.



In attendance at the Parade/Rally were Georgia senator Steve Henson of the 41st district, as well as Congressman Hank Johnson of the 4th district of Georgia. ANOG was duly recognized and in fact included on the program to make a speech. ANOG participation at this parade/rally was featured on **11 alive TV news** earlier this evening. In a speech at the rally, ANOG President, Titus O. Olowokere, praised the work of MLK and challenged all to strive for excellence, probity and strength of character, no longer blaming race as the limiting success ingredient.

Kudos to ALL who defied the cold, who came with their kids and who showed commendable community dedication to attend the event. The effervescence was electric. The patriotism was intense, and the determination to make the best of our Diaspora circumstances was not in question.



Michael Efeyini and Dr. George Amanabu leading the parade



Oba of South Side – Kabiyesi Shola Akinrinmisi





Rounding up the parade



US Congressman Hank Johnson exchanges pleasantries after ANOG's President's speech at the rally.