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-- C-SPAN TO MARK KING HOLIDAY --

-- Cable Network Plans Five Hours of Civil Rights Programming --

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- C-SPAN cable network joins the nation in marking the first national observance of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday with a full evening of programming devoted to the discussion of civil rights. Headlining the evening is an interview with the slain activist's widow, Coretta Scott King.

Beginning at 6:00 pm (EST) on January 20th — the designated federal holiday honoring Rev. King — C-SPAN spends nearly five hours looking at both his life and legacy through interviews and call-in programs, during which viewers can talk directly to current civil rights experts. The guests include leaders from the NAACP, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, and the Council for a Black Economic Agenda.

C-SPAN will also air in its entirety "Living the Dream, We Walk With Martin," the national commemoration of Rev. King's holiday, sponsored by the MLK Federal Holiday Commission. Speakers at the commemorative ceremony, videotaped in Washington, include Mrs. King and Rev. Wyatt P. Walker of the Canaan Baptist Church in New York.

C-SPAN's program schedule is as follows:

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

LIVE	6:00 pm EST	<u>C-SPAN VIEWER CALL-IN</u>
	Guest:	ALTHEA SIMMONS, Director - Washington Office, NAACP
TAPED	7:15 pm EST	<u>"LIVING THE DREAM, WE WALK WITH MARTIN"</u>
	Speakers:	National commemoration of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.
	Speakers:	CORETTA SCOTT KING REV. WYATT P. WALKER, Canaan Baptist Church, New York City STEPHANIE LEE MILLER, Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, Department of Health and Human Services
TAPED	8:15 pm EST	<u>C-SPAN INTERVIEW</u>
	Guest:	CLARENCE PENDLETON, Chairman, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights
TAPED	8:45 pm EST	<u>C-SPAN INTERVIEW</u>
	Guest:	CORETTA SCOTT KING
LIVE	9:30 pm EST	<u>C-SPAN VIEWER CALL-IN</u>
	Guest:	ROBERT WOODSON, President, Council for a Black Economic Agenda

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