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Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life celebrated at MWRD Board of Commissioners meeting

As a tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) recently presented a resolution to the Reverend Tyrone Crider, publisher of the African American Tribune in Country Club Hills.

The resolution recognized that Dr. King became a revered leader in the civil rights movement and an American icon in the 1950s. In bringing about positive social and political change through non-violent discourse and demonstration, Dr. King carried a message of equality and justice for all and stressed the importance of service to others.

He was instrumental in having the Civil Rights Act passed in 1964 and became the youngest person at the time to receive the Nobel Peace Prize for this work to end segregation and racial discrimination through non-violent means. Posthumously, Dr. King was awarded the Presidential Medal (continued)



In the photo (L-R): Rev. Tyrone Crider and Vice President Barbara McGowan honored the life of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during the MWRD's Feb. 5 Board of Commissioners meeting.



In the photo (L-R): Chairman of Finance Frank Avila, Vice President Barbara McGowan, Rev. Tyrone Crider, Diversity Administrator Thomas Savage and Senior Diversity Officer Lindsey Gayles honored the life of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during the MWRD's Feb. 5 Board of Commissioners meeting.



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of Freedom in 1977 and the Congressional Gold Medal in 2004. A national holiday was created in his honor in 1986, and the State of Illinois began to observe a day of recognition in 1973.

The Commissioners urged the staff of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, residents of Cook County, and citizens of the State of Illinois to continue the good work of Dr. King in making our world a place where equality and justice prevail and freedom and peace reign.

“Dr. King made an ever-lasting impact, and we are committed to following in his footsteps as we work on behalf of all Cook County residents,” said MWRD Vice President Barbara McGowan. “We were so honored to have Reverend Crider join us, as he embodies the spirit, courage and character of Dr. King.”



In the photo (L-R): Senior Diversity Officer Lindsey Gayles; Commissioners Cynthia Santos and Debra Shore; Vice President Barbara McGowan; Commissioners Michael Alvarez and Timothy Bradford; Rev. Tyrone Crider; Commissioners Kari Steele and Patrick Thompson; Chairman of Finance Frank Avila; President Mariyana T. Spyropoulos and Diversity Administrator Thomas Savage honored the life of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during the MWRD's Feb. 5 Board of Commissioners meeting.



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