



### **PROGRAM**

Monday, July 21, 2008 10:30 a.m.

Instrumental Music

### Presentation of Colors

Franklin Military Academy Color Guard accompanied by Fort Lee Brass Quintet

### National Anthem

Carlton Blount accompanied by Russell Wilson

### Welcome & Greetings

Judith C. Anderson, Chair, Capitol Square Civil Rights Memorial Foundation

The Honorable Thomas K. Norment, Jr. Representing the Lieutenant Governor

The Honorable William J. Howell Speaker of the House of Delegates

The Honorable Dwight Jones, Chairman Virginia Legislative Black Caucus

## Poetic Reading

Nikki Giovanni

Virginia Civil Rights Memorial Honorary Co-Chair Renowned Poet, Activist and Distinguished Professor at Virginia Tech

## Historical Significance

Lisa Collis, Former First Lady of Virginia Julian Bond, Virginia Civil Rights Memorial Honorary Co-Chair, NAACP Chairman

# Acknowledgement of Special Guests & Introduction of the Governor

The Honorable Viola O. Baskerville Secretary of Administration

### Unveiling

The Honorable Timothy M. Kaine *Assisted by:* 

Blair E. Underwood

Virginia Civil Rights Memorial Honorary Co-Chair Actor, Producer and Author

Moton School Representatives, Family Members Representing Honorees, NAACP Leaders

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Interfaith Religious Leaders, Students of Prince Edward County Civil Rights Champions & Trailblazers

### Musical Selection

"We Shall Overcome" Friends Association for Children Hand Bell Ensemble

# Conclusion & Recessional Music

Richmond Boys Choir and Carlton Blount accompanied by Russell Wilson

## Arts Reception & Jazz Combo

immediately following in Patrick Henry Building security check required

### HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

On April 23, 1951, 16-year-old Barbara Johns and several fellow students led a strike to protest the deplorable conditions at their racially segregated Prince Edward County school. The Rev. L. Francis Griffin united parents in support of the strike and encouraged the students to contact NAACP attorneys Oliver Hill, Sr. and Spottswood Robinson, III. The lawsuit that followed was brought before the U.S. Supreme Court and joined with four other cases as Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas (1954), in which the Court ruled that racially separate educational systems are inherently unequal and unconstitutional. The Virginia Civil Rights Memorial is dedicated to these Virginians and countless others who courageously fought for the principles upon which the nation and this Commonwealth were founded.

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