

GOOD MORNING.

I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE MARSHALL FAMILY. THE REVEREND WAS A GOOD MAN WHO TOUCHED SO MANY PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND I CAN ONLY IMAGINE YOUR GRIEF.

WHILE THIS IS CERTAINLY A SAD DAY, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO HONOR AND CELEBRATE A MAN WHO DEVOTED HIS LIFE TO THE BETTERMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY.

WE ARE ALL AWARE OF THE GREAT ACTS THAT REVEREND MARSHALL ACHIEVED TO MAKE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY A BETTER PLACE. I THANK THE REVEREND FOR HIS COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND HIS FINE WORK AS AN EDUCATOR AND A CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU MY FONDEST MEMORY OF THE REVEREND, WHICH IS TIED TO OUR ANNUAL PREPARATIONS FOR THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARADE. I REMEMBER THE REVEREND'S EXCITEMENT OVER THE PLANNING OF THIS FESTIVE EVENT. I THINK THAT SECOND TO HIS BEAUTIFUL FAMILY, THE PARADE WAS THE REVEREND'S GREATEST SOURCE OF PRIDE. I WILL MISS WORKING IN COLLABORATION WITH HIM TO

BRING THIS JOYOUS CELEBRATION TO LIBERTY CITY.

I WILL ALSO MISS THE REVEREND'S WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND HIS UNWAVERING FAITH. AT A TIME WHEN THERE IS SO MUCH VIOLENCE AND UNCERTAINTY IN THE WORLD, WE NEED MORE PEOPLE LIKE THE REVEREND...SELFLESS PEOPLE WHO LIFT OTHERS UP, WHO GIVE US HOPE FOR BETTER DAYS AHEAD AND WHO CAN RESTORE OUR FAITH IN MANKIND.

REVEREND MARSHALL, I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR FAITH, FOR THE TIME I WAS ABLE TO SPEND WITH YOU, AND FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR OUR COMMUNITY. YOUR LEGACY WILL LIVE ON IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND BEYOND.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK TODAY. IT'S AN HONOR TO BE PART OF THIS CEREMONY AND TO CELEBRATE THE MEMORY OF A MAN AS UPSTANDING AND ACCOMPLISHED AS REVEREND MARSHALL.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.