

*"Our lives begin to end the day we become  
silent about things that matter."*

**25<sup>TH</sup> Annual  
MLK Birthday Celebration  
January 15–20, 2006**

Chancellor's Committee for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration coordinates programs and activities for the University's annual observance honoring the life and contributions of Martin Luther King, Jr. The committee includes all of the Carolina students, faculty and staff who make this celebration a success.

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*An Evening with American Civil Rights Leader*

**Ernest Green**

**January 19, 2006**

**7:30 P.M.**

**Great Hall, Student Union**



**THE UNIVERSITY  
of NORTH CAROLINA  
at CHAPEL HILL**

## Ernest Green: A Short Biography

Ernest Green has given a lifetime of service to this nation, constantly devoting himself to racial equality and equal opportunity. He was a pioneer in the desegregation of American high schools as the oldest member of the "Little Rock Nine," nine black students who were the first to enroll in Little Rock's (Arkansas) Central High School in 1957.

Mr. Green's decision to enroll in Central High School took great courage. There was great resistance from many white people to desegregating Arkansas's schools. Before entering Central High School, Green faced legal challenges and physical violence from parents, angry mobs of demonstrators, and even the Arkansas National Guard sent by governor Orval Faubus. After Mr. Green enrolled in the Central High, he faced continued opposition from many classmates, the school board, and parental groups set up to stop desegregation.

Ernest Green completed his senior year and graduated from Central High School in 1958. Mr. Green went on to earn his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from Michigan State University. Immediately after graduation, Mr. Green began working for the Adolph Institute, an organization that helps minority women in the South begin professional careers. Soon, Ernest Green directed the A. Philip Randolph Education Fund. This organization works to end discrimination in the education system. Again, Mr. Green paved the way to ease African American students who would follow him.

Mr. Green was appointed Assistant Secretary of Labor by President Carter where he continued to promote equality in our society. Today Ernest Green works in a variety of organizations to improve the opportunities of all Americans.

## Welcome

James Allred

*Chancellor's Committee for the Martin Luther  
Birthday Celebration*

## Introduction of Speaker

Timothy McMillan

*Faculty, Department of African and Afro-Am*

## Lessons from Little Rock

Ernest Green

*Civil Rights Pioneer*

## Question and Answers

## Reception in Union Gallery

Mural  
Best Wishes  
Curtis Green  
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