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**Juneteenth “The Legacy of Freedom”
to be observed June 19, 2008**
Hosted by the Honorable Carolyn R. Davis Councilmember - District 7

DALLAS - The public is invited to attend the annual Juneteenth “The Legacy of Freedom” celebration at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center, 2922 MLK Jr. Blvd., from 1 to 6 p.m. Thursday, June 19. The free family event will feature City of Dallas department information booths, food, vendors, live music from R&B soloists and Gospel groups, live broadcasts from Soul 73 KKDA, K104 FM and KR&B 105.7, games and bounce houses.

“Juneteenth is a day to reflect on the many significant achievements of the African American community in the state of Texas, it is a time for reflection and rejoicing – a time for assessment, self- improvement and for planning the future,” remarked Councilmember Carolyn R. Davis.

Juneteenth is celebrated on June 19 by African-Americans as the anniversary of the date in 1865 when slaves in Texas found out they had been emancipated on January 1, 1863.

“This is an important event that brings the Dallas community together to commemorate this important event in our nation’s history,” said MLK Community Center Manager Patrick N. Jackson.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center Board and staff host the annual event. This year’s sponsors include: Capital One, WellCare, Rolling Out Magazine, Soul 73 KKDA, K104 FM, and KR&B 105.7, The Dallas Examiner, Coca-Cola Bottling of North Texas, Frito-Lay, and Dallas City Packing.

Businesses who are interested in securing a booth at the event should contact Norma Houston at (214) 670-8438.

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