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A TRIBUTE
TO

JAMES FRANICES JR.

June 10, 1930 - July 30, 2024

Friday, August 23, 2024

7:00 pm

Greater Macedonia Baptist Church
5510 W Sam Houston Pkwy N,
Houston, TX 77041



TRAIL OF LEGACY

JAMES FRANCIES, JR., A NAME WHISPERED BY THE WINDS OF CHANGE,
A NAME THAT CARVED HISTORY INTO THE RUGGED EARTH.

IN A WORLD WHERE LINES WERE DRAWN, AND DIVISIONS STARK,
HE DARED TO RIDE, NOT BEHIND, BUT SIDE BY SIDE,
WITH HEARTS AND SOULS UNITED ON THAT WINDING TRAIL,
WHERE BLACK AND WHITE MET AS EQUALS, AS BROTHERS.

UNDER THE OPEN SKY, BENEATH THE WATCHFUL STARS,
HE LED A CHARGE FOR FREEDOM, FOR THE DIGNITY OF A PEOPLE.
THE PRAIRIE VIEW TRAIL, THE MOTHER OF ALL BLACK TRAILS,
BECAME HIS MONUMENT, HIS EVERLASTING MARK.

AND THOUGH THE REINS HAVE FALLEN FROM HIS HANDS,
HIS TRAIL ENDURES, ETCHED IN THE HEARTS OF MANY.
THE PVTRA, BORN FROM HIS VISION, STANDS TALL,
A BEACON OF PRIDE, A LEGACY OF UNITY.

TONIGHT WE GATHER, NOT IN MOURNING BUT IN AWE,
FOR THE MAN WHO TURNED HISTORY INTO HOPE,
FOR THE LEADER WHO RODE WITH THE COURAGE OF A LION,
FOR JAMES FRANCIES, JR., WHOSE SPIRIT STILL RIDES ON.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Remarks by Master of Ceremonies

Paul Jackson, PVTRA Asst. Trail Boss
Master of Ceremonies

Invocation Prayer

Pastor Ben Lewis,
Greater Macedonia Baptist Church

Welcome

Myrtis Dightman, Jr.,
PVTRA Trail Boss

Presentations

Letter from Governor Abbott
Resolution

Lillie Hooks, Niece of Mr. Francies
Crystal Stewart, PVTRA Secretary

Musical Tribute

Donald Martin

Poetry Reading

Sherrie Johnson
PVTRA Business Manager

Tribute to the Founder

Video Presentation: A montage of
photos and videos showcasing the
life, achievements, and legacy of
James Francies, Jr.

Personal Reflections

Family & Friends, Fellow Trailriders,
Community Leaders

Musical Tribute

Donald Martin

Closing Remarks

Benediction

Pastor Ben Lewis,
Greater Macedonia Baptist Church