

Speaker 1 (00:00):

And your program will agree to that. So at this time, Joanne will make the official presentation. Uh, I am very pleased to present this award to Bob Moses, my friends and Conrad and comrade and the algebra project. And I'd like everybody who's connected with the algebra project to stand up and accept a round of applause.

Speaker 1 (00:47):

Thank you. This award is, um, the Ella J baker award for service to the community. And it's presented by my publisher, John Wiley and sons who published Ella baker, freedom bound. My biography of the Ella baker, the chairman of the board of John Wiley was very eager to, uh, present this award because he once met Ella baker at a meeting in New York many years ago. And he was so impressed by her that when the book came out, he was really glad to be able to present this award. Bob and his wife, Janet, um, founded the algebra project in 1982. And I just wanted to read you a very short statement. That's from the Harvard educational review about the project. It, the project relies on the Mississippi organizing tradition and on Ella Baker's, uh, techniques. As a matter of fact, this article that is entitled organizing in the spirit of Ella, the algebra project emphasizes the centrality of families to the work of organizing the empowerment of grassroots people and their recruitment for leadership and the principle of casting down your bucket, where you are and org or organizing in the context in which one lives and works.

Speaker 1 (02:32):

So I'm very pleased to present this check to Bob Moses in the algebra project.

Speaker 2 (03:04):

I'm sorry into the mic.

Speaker 3 (03:09):

Well, I wanted to try and talk without the mic, cuz I'm not gonna talk a lot.

Speaker 2 (03:14):

<laugh>

Speaker 3 (03:16):

Uh, when, uh, Joan and Jackie organized an event for Ella while she was still alive, uh, they asked me if I would introduce her. So when we got up on the podium, Ella turned to me and said, well, they got us up here where they put all the others

Speaker 2 (03:38):

<laugh>.

Speaker 3 (03:47):

So I've been thinking of, uh, how to do this, uh, what we could do, uh, to, uh, respect, uh, what we are doing here. And, uh, Ella, and this morning when I was introduced, uh, Jackie said she wanted to introduce one of Ella's children. And so what I thought we could do now is, uh, and Mrs. Gray did something, uh, wonderful for us this morning when she asked us to call out the names of, uh, people that had gone before us who helped, uh, prepare the way for us. And so Ella's legacy is her children. And I was wondering if we couldn't one by one, uh, anyone here who recogniz, uh, him or herself as one of Ella's children or one by one, uh, just stand up and say your name for us and, um, give flesh and blood and spirit, uh, to Ella's legacy. My name is Bob Moses.

Speaker 2 (04:59):

My name is Joan Grant Curtis Muhammad Lauren GI Joyce LA, Jerry Jones, Reggie Robinson, Avon rolling Marshall Jones, Mary Barry green, one of our older children, Victoria Jackson, great Adams.

Speaker 1 (06:03):

Um, next we would like to recognize Diane Nash. Oh, here she is. Um, we just like to recognize Diane as a founder of the student nonviolent coordinated committee, uh, the woman who set the standard for all the women who followed her in terms of courage, thoughtfulness, militants, and kindness. Um, now Diane, we got rid of all this concrete, uh, reward when we thought you weren't coming

Speaker 2 (06:43):

<laugh>

Speaker 1 (06:44):

So we have a song for you from miss Betty FIS

Speaker 4 (07:17):

So long. This is he to my Lord. Me, my, we Lord me, my Lord, me my

Speaker 2 (09:03):

To

Speaker 4 (09:05):

Pray.

Speaker 5 (09:30):

That was just beautiful. Thank you so much for that Betty and the beauty of the music and the spirit and the love with which the award was presented.

Speaker 2 (09:44):

Get right up on it.

Speaker 5 (09:46):

The spirit and the love with which that award was presented is worth much more than money.

Speaker 2 (09:52):

Alright. Okay. Thank you.

Speaker 1 (10:06):

Okay. Next, uh, is ed brown here? Um, while, while he's coming, I also want to, uh, mention that the, um, statement that you read in, in support, uh, of Jamile was, um, initially written by Mike Falwell and, uh, St Clairborne and bill Strickland. And I sort of formed a committee, uh, where we got it together and, uh, sent it off. And so we're asking ed brown, his brother to say a few words

Speaker 2 (11:04):

Right up on,

Speaker 6 (11:06):

Right. Good afternoon. Let me see how wonderful it is to be here with all you young people. <laugh> there are some of you young, the others. Well, I lie, uh, let me begin by extending to you the heartfelt gratitude and salons of my brother, Jamil, ALA me. Most of you may know him as each rep

Speaker 6 (11:45):

In his own words. He would like for me to greet you in the way in which Muslims greet each other and say to you a lake Jamele at this point in time has been, uh, incarcerated in the Montgomery Montgomery county jail. Uh, he is awaiting an extradition hearing that will take place on the 21st of April. At which point in time, he will probably be transferred, uh, back to Georgia. Let me just tell you that Jamil does not want you or me or anyone to feel down or depressed about his situation is a fighter and he will continue to fight in relationship to these charges that have been placed against him. He is in good health. He was not wounded as was reported by the press. Uh, and there are many other kinds of things that have been reported by the press, which you should certainly suspend belief in because they have no foundation.

Speaker 6 (12:57):

In fact, uh, there has been a deliberate attempt in terms of demonizing him and reducing his humanity. For those of you who know him, you will know that many of the allegations that have been leveled of him at him are not part of his character. Amen. He said to me, because I have not had a chance to talk to him and a manner which is conducive for us to have privacy. He said to me, he said, don't worry. He says, the truth will come out. He says, truth crush. The earth will rise again. So I want you to understand that you are not looking at someone who is by any means defeated. They have touched the rock and they do not know what kind of fight they have on their hand. In this situation.

Speaker 6 (13:54):

I feel that, and he feels that the struggle continues. It will continue around his case. It will continue in terms of requests that people have made of me about things that they can do. The first thing is that you can offer him your prayers. And I, he does not take that lightly as being a religious person. The second thing that we have to do is that we have to begin to educate people about who is Jamil, AK, who is H Arab brown. We have to repair and restore his humanity. We have to see him as the multidimensional person. He is, and basically debunk the kinds of charges that have been made against him. That he is simply quote, a black Panther or, uh, he is quote a cop killer.

Speaker 6 (14:50):

Uh, Jamele has its, you know, him and those of you who worked with him in the movement was courageous. And untiring in his efforts in relationship to the cause in which he believed. He simply brings that also to what he sees as his mission now, which is the building of an Islamic community in the United States. Uh, the second thing that we can do is that we can build support committees for mill, and that becomes important to ensure that we try and create a balanced kind of atmosphere and eradicate some of the poison that has been placed in the atmosphere, by the unfair, overwhelmingly negative coverage that has been given to him. The third thing that we can do obviously, is that those of who us are inclined and would like to basically be, uh, supporters of his in terms of financial contributions, uh, there is a defense fund. There is a leaflet that will be available to you, which talks about, uh, where you can mail, whatever contribution you saw, choose to make. Uh, I won't take up any more of your time with regard to that. Other than to say, uh, we are involved and continue to be involved in a struggle

Speaker 6 (16:21):

Is a, not an ending struggle. We sometimes forget about the fact or we pause and believe that somehow that struggle has come to an end. It doesn't come to an end until we die. As long as there's one person who's oppressed, we're involved in a struggle. As long as there's one person who is needy, who is needy, we're involved in a struggle. As long as justice is denied to anyone, justice is denied to us all and we are involved in a struggle. The only thing that I can tell you in terms of Jamele Allin is that struggle continues. Thank you. Allow me one of 1, 1, 1, 1 moment, cuz I am remiss here that I have to do one thing. I really do appreciate the statement that was, uh, drawn by you and read earlier. Uh, and I will take it to him and share it with him. They like to especially single out Michael Falwell, because as I understand it, he labored long and hard in

putting together the struggle. I understand that it was 600 pages. Yes. So therefore I think that not only, not only think Michael farewell, I think the editors as well

Speaker 2 (17:49):

<laugh>

Speaker 1 (18:01):

Now, if, uh, those of you who haven't received the statement it's here at the head table as is a pad for anybody to sign who, who wants to do that? I'm gonna do a couple of housekeeping things while the, um, people from the walking wounded project come forward to make their short, uh, presentation, the, um, the panels this afternoon, which we hope to start shortly after three 30. Um, you might wanna take out your pens and pencils because we've been, um, again, scrambling for rooms to accommodate the size of this gathering.

Speaker 2 (18:43):

Right? I don't have it where, oh, let's go. People are

Speaker 7 (18:56):

Beginning to get up and move. Could we ask people to just have a, a minute of solid problem brother means alright. Right brother Al are right now. That was one

Speaker 2 (19:05):

Of the things. So

Speaker 1 (19:06):

That's group. Oh, okay. There's been a request for a moment of prayer for amine. So if we could have 1 31 moment and then we'll go on with the rest. All right.

Speaker 8 (19:21):

Okay. Someone's picking up.

Speaker 1 (19:50):

Thank you. All right. The, the I'm going to read very quickly where the panels are located this afternoon,

Speaker 1 (20:00):

Uh, black and white together. And I'm gonna do fast now with Anne Braden, Jim foreman, and Zahara Simmons in the Estee hall auditorium. A discussion of ain't scared of your jails with Diane Nash, Reggie Robinson and Bob Zelner will be in the, um, C2 in the convention center with, uh, Bob Zelner as the moderator. Tim Jenkins is the moderator on the first one, the media sixties. And now the third panel will be in the convention center, D two with Julian bond, Doris Derby and Dotty Zelner organizing student movements today, D three Macha cotton, Dave Dennis ho Watkins, SKU, Franklin Deidra Edwards and Susan glisten. Teaching the movement in the primary grades will be conducted by Maggie Donovan in the Inness room of Estee hall, contemporary organizing, combining labor with communities with Curtis Hayes, Mohamed pat Bryant and Charles Ensley will be in the Estee conference room. The sit-in movement said these are heck panels here. Boy, Dion diamond, Charles Jones, Avon Rollins, Frank Smith and Virginia Thornton will be at the convention center in E two organizing in Alabama with Eric Jones. Janet Moses Cleve sellers will be in E three. How do we get to the just society with Casey Hayden, James Lawson, Bob Moses in C1 in the convention center, gender and democratic movements, Victoria Gray and Gloria Richardson. What,

Speaker 9 (21:59):

Where would that be?

Speaker 1 (22:00):

Oh, I'm sorry. In E one in the convention center. Just

Speaker 9 (22:04):

E one, put it right down. E one.

Speaker 1 (22:07):

The film freedom song will be shown in room B in the convention center with discussing Dory Ladner, June Johnson, Chuck McDo, and Brenda Travis. All people who are featured in this film directly are indirectly understand teaching in the spirit of Ms. Baker, the algebra project and the freedom rides will be in the convention center in E four freedom schools then and now with, uh, Charlie Cobb and Mary Lane in E five in the convention center and teaching the movement. What do our students get from? It will be in the snack bar out here. We ran outta room. <laugh> when John with John dipper, uh, Timothy Tyson and myself tomorrow, the, I totally lost it. Okay.

Speaker 9 (23:09):

Tonight I'd like name,

Speaker 1 (23:12):

Uh, everything else is, uh, the book signings in the William Gary student center.

Speaker 9 (23:19):

At what time?

Speaker 1 (23:20):

At five, from five to six. And then, uh, there's a freedom walk that begins at the Sheridan hotel at seven. And the,

Speaker 2 (23:31):

Is that canceled last night?

Speaker 1 (23:33):

Is it camp? Oh, I'm sorry. It's canceled then at eight o'clock the cultural evening with a wonderful concert by the SNCC freedom singers will be at St. Peter's AME church St. Paul's some say Peter and some say Paul

Speaker 2 (23:56):

St. Paul's

Speaker 1 (23:56):

Where, where is it?

Speaker 2 (24:08):

Who

Speaker 1 (24:09):

Where's the where's the walking wound did quickly so we can,

Speaker 2 (24:13):

Uh,

Speaker 1 (24:15):

Come on. Um,

Speaker 2 (24:19):

Where's the, and Harrington street,

Speaker 1 (24:26):

Edenton and Harrington streets. You should have a map in your packets, more presentation,

Speaker 2 (24:59):

Please.

Speaker 1 (25:04):

Could you hold down one minute, please? We're not finished.

Speaker 6 (25:13):

Um, my name is wa Isaiah peacock. Some know me is Willie peacock. Whichever you can think of will do, uh, I'm here. This is not gonna be a long talk. I'm really, uh, making this presentation to some key people here and, uh, you know, not really, uh, this, uh, leaving anybody out, but, uh, Charles, uh, Tim Jenkins made referral to what, uh, we, what, uh, we are trying to really deal with. And that is many of us, uh, who were part of that legacy of, of the, of student unbounded, ING committee S CLC and core who worked, uh, in HDP, who worked out in the field and really became real close comrades and arms and did many things and experiences together. You hear of such things as you walk through the halls, since you've been here, people, oh, I haven't seen you in 35 years.

Speaker 6 (26:03):

I haven't even heard you, man. I'm really glad to hear you. Oh, your brother passed, man. That was three years ago. Many people don't even know nothing about that. My brother was a part of the freedom singers. What I'm trying to say is that we, on the west coast, we've identified about 60, uh, people that, uh, that live out there that we could identify as walking wound, visitors have many needs psychologically and, uh, uh, physically ill and, and, and spiritual, uh, depression, you know, uh, and we decided we would come together and form a, a committee, uh, of, uh, that made up for such people as Jean Wiley and myself and, and, um, petite, uh, some of, you know, Elizabeth Sutherland, uh, Martinez and, uh, um, Mary Loveless O'Neil and, and, uh, Mike Miller, uh, and, and so on. Uh, and I've passed out some of, some of the, the proposal that, that, that we've, that we've drafted, which will reach, which will become, uh, uh, a thing that the application we've made to the tires found, gonna make to the tires foundation to receive, uh, uh, tax exempt funds to begin to, uh, uh, not bring together money, but a staff of people of us to go around and bring together some type of, uh, uh, identifying of those people that worked with us so closely in a entire need of, of, of, of help to, um, uh, so, so if they have sang and solo that they, they're not don't have the willingness or the energy to, uh, access, access these, uh, resources that already exist, uh, that we can be friends and start communication with each other, um, to begin to heal ourselves and, and, uh, that kind of thing.

Speaker 6 (28:05):

So this is what the walk and wound gist or what the walk and wounded, uh, program is all about many people that was on the committee, that when we were farming that were, they don't like, they don't like that name. And so we got two things here, the veterans of, of the civil rights movement, uh, walk and wounded, the civil rights movement. But anyway, we nobody's gonna volunteer and come together and heal us. We're gonna have to heal ourselves. We're gonna have to write our own history the way we want written, want it written. And we want gonna have to, uh, uh, exhibit, uh, really, uh, the archival stuff and in places and things where, where, where we want them. And, and as many of us that are still alive and, and, and, so disjointed so far as being in contact and, uh, with each other, uh, it's, that's very bad.

Speaker 6 (28:53):

I don't know that we think we got forever to live here, that one of these days, after a while, we going to just, we going to be in touch with each other, uh, when we get the resources, when we get rich or something, you know, but we could put out a, we could write each other. We could, uh, uh, form the where in the states where we have at least, uh, five, three to five people, uh, we could form, uh, ourselves a C committed to make sure we are in touch with, uh, with, with, uh, people in O the rest of us in other states and, and out of the country, wherever we are, so that we can form a tight unit and, and maybe, uh, start that as, as a, as a project to try to restore, uh, and, and make healthier again, the beloved community and expand that internationally as we, as we set out to do.

Speaker 6 (29:43):

So you'll see me walking around here. I don't know those, I don't intend to leave anybody out, but I wanna make sure those of us who have this work to do of bringing ourselves back together, get, uh, get, get, uh, this, uh, our proposal that we, that we formulated for, you know, for, to begin our work of doing that. Uh, some of us, some of you already have already given this to, and at this time, what I'm, we've developed, uh, beginning a type of website, and I'm gonna let, uh, batida, uh, talk about that to, uh, thank you to Ty.

Speaker 10 (30:26):

Yeah, just two minutes. Okay. Um, as my brother here was explaining, you know, veterans of the civil rights movement, we don't have a veteran's administration take care of folks. There's all kinds of groups. The, the veterans of the Spanish, civil war, the Lincoln brigade, they've got an organization, world war II veterans have an organization, people and other struggles that had organizations. There is none for the veterans of the civil rights movement. So that's the idea here. And, uh, we are calling it the veterans, uh, civil rights movement project, or if you like to say whatever walking wound, because some of people definitely are, the website is a major tool of this project. And I'm gonna just talk two minutes about what is on that website, which is up now, anybody wants to write it down. It's www dot CRM, vet, vt.org org. All right. Ws Chico, www dot, right. C R M V E T civil rights movement, veterans, right. Dot org. Okay. And there'll be some interest in it. I think also for young folks, not just for the older wounded, but I'll get to the reason for that in a minute.

Speaker 6 (31:33):

Does, does vet have S

Speaker 10 (31:35):

On it? No, just vet. Okay. Yeah. Www CRM dot CRM, vet dot C org. Okay. So that's the website. It is up and running is just started and it has three sections, four sections. One is a section that I think will be of interest to everybody, which is what we're calling the veteran section. It's where we're asking people to post information about themselves, what you were before in the civil rights movement, what you're doing now, how you are put a picture of yourself in there, Hey, you can put photos on the website, right. So everybody can see how gorgeous you still are or whatever. Um, you can look up people there, which haven't been able to find, which is another asset. We think to this project, you can post information about anything you want to just as long as it is not 99 pages long.

Speaker 10 (32:26):

Secondly, there'll be information on this website about resources that we hope to find might help people like ways to get health insurance, maybe cheap or free, uh, whatever the needs are for the different, uh, the different needs that, uh, that, uh, was there mentioned, and also putting people in touch to form local committees. Like you said, cuz a few folks in the bay area, can't do it alone, nor should we. Uh, but that would be sort of a communication network and identification of, of resources. Third, there'll be a Memorial section where, you know, sometimes you find out two years later. Well, so and so died, you know, last week or whatever, we can keep more up to

date on those things and people can pass the word about those who have passed, uh, as they wish. And finally will be that the link, the list of resources, uh, and links to getting more information about 'em. So we hope that you all will consider adding your names and, uh, your histories and photos, if possible to the website, uh, and sort of the motto. I think, at least for me behind this website is let the circles go unbroken all the circles. Thank you.

Speaker 11 (33:35):

One,

Speaker 1 (33:36):

One final thing is that we want to recognize Joanne grant

Speaker 11 (33:42):

Who

Speaker 1 (33:43):

Formed the fundamental idea for this conference and for Charles Payne and Dr. Moses for taking it up <laugh>

Speaker 12 (33:56):

And uh, and let us thank Martha Norman for organizing it.

Speaker 1 (34:08):

And I'm, I'm asking Brenda, Travis and Muriel tilling has to go to the pan, the gender panel. Thank you.

Speaker 11 (34:21):

It that.