

Statement from the SNCC Legacy Project on the Passing of

ROBERT "BOB" PARRIS MOSES

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The SNCC Legacy Project offers its condolences and love to Janet Jemmott Moses, and his children Maisha, Omo, Taba, and Malaika Moses at the passing of Bob Moses, who was husband, father and an emotional center for the family.

We also want to offer comfort at the loss felt by Bob's SNCC family, which for the past 60 years has been engaged and worked with each other in the on-going struggle for human and civil rights. The SNCC Legacy Project, of which Bob was vice chairman, especially feels this loss.

We honor his vision, tenacity, and fearlessness. His deep belief in people who find themselves in the socio/economic bottom made a fundamental difference for millions of his fellow Americans.



He was key to SNCC launching its voter registration campaign in Mississippi. That work in turn led to Freedom Schools, the 1964 Freedom Summer Project, the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, the Poor Peoples Campaign, and the Mississippi Freedom Labor Union. And these not only began to alter the face of Mississippi, but also challenged the country to be true to the best in itself.

At the heart of these efforts was SNCC's idea that people—ordinary people long denied this power—could take control of their lives. These

were the people that Bob brought to the table to fight for a seat at it: maids, sharecroppers, day workers, barbers, beauticians, teachers, preachers and many others from all walks of life.

The Algebra Project he founded in 1982 is a direct outgrowth of this early work in Mississippi. The work of the Project is aimed at preparing those still kept on the bottom rungs of our society for success in the information economy of the 21st century.

Finally, the SNCC Legacy Project is issuing a call on behalf of Bob and other SNCC veterans such as Julian Bond, John Lewis, Kwame Ture, Chuck McDew, Fannie Lou Hamer, Ruby Doris Robinson, James Forman, Marion Barry, Ms. Ella Baker, Amzie Moore, Unita Blackwell, and the local people with whom they worked to continue to raise the banner of continuing the struggle for a better world.



L to R - Bob Moses, Julian Bond, Curtis Muhammad, unidentified, Hollis Watkins, Amzie Moore, E.W. Steptoe.

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