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What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us. Make a path for others to follow.

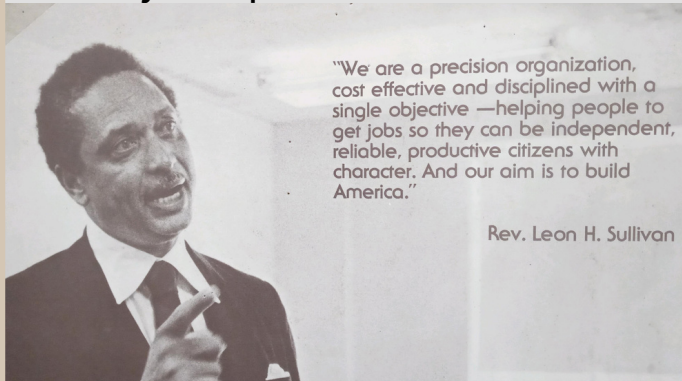
- Dr. Gene C. Blue



the camera with a cause
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During National Black History Month, we celebrate the legacy of Black Americans whose power to lead, to overcome, and to expand the meaning and practice of American democracy has helped our Nation become a more fair and just society. This country was established upon the profound but simple idea that all people are created equal and should be treated equally throughout their lives.

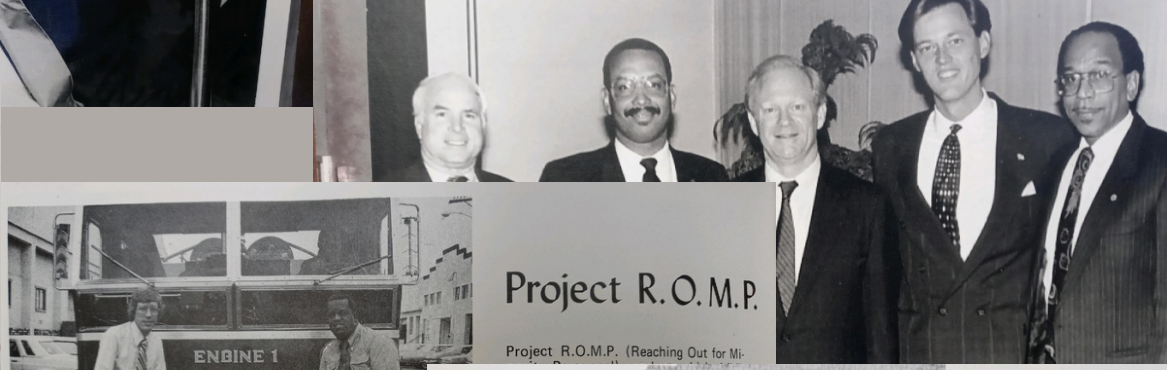
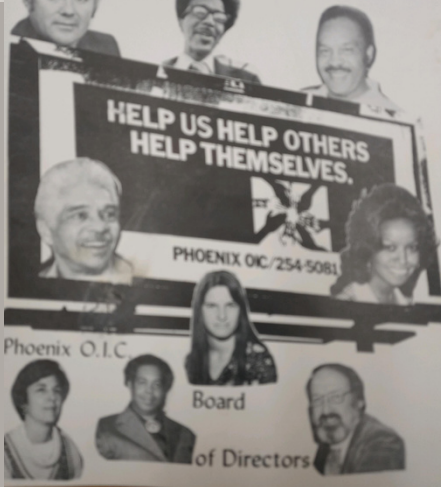
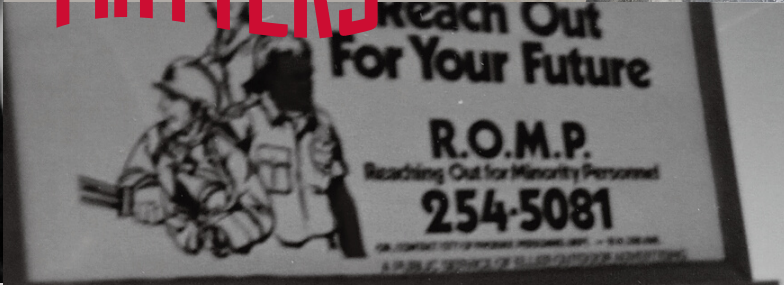
It is an idea America has never fully lived up to, but it is an idea we have never fully walked away from either. The struggles and challenges of the Black American story to make a way out of no way have been the crucible where our resolve to fulfill this vision has most often been tested. Black Americans' struggles for freedom, equal treatment, and the right to vote; for equal opportunities in education, housing, and the workplace; for economic opportunity, equal justice, and political representation; and so much more have reformed our democracy far beyond its founding. Black Americans have made a way not only for themselves but also have helped build a highway for millions of women, immigrants, other historically marginalized communities, and all Americans to more fully experience the benefits of our society. - Joseph R. Biden Jr.



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Gov. Mofford Says: 'We Will Have A MLK Day in Arizona'

The following are remarks given by Governor Rose Mofford at the MLK Day Rally at Wesley Bolin Plaza on January 21, 1991.

"We are gathered here today to celebrate the life of a great American: Doctor Martin Luther King, Junior. Doctor King was moved by his sense of justice, his sense of commitment to a cause he knew was right. So are we. We will have a Martin Luther King/Civil Rights Day in Arizona. We are committed to do it. It is the right thing to do. It is right, not because of the Super Bowl. It is right, not because it will foster economic development."

enjoy equally the fruits of our great society. This state will lead the country when it becomes the first state in this great nation to establish a Martin Luther King holiday by a vote of the people. We will do it when given the opportunity to vote with one clear choice — not with a confusion of issues as we had last November. In my State of the State address last week, I proposed that Arizona enact the federal model which combines two separate state holidays for two great presidents — Abraham Lincoln and George Washington — into one holiday. We can then

this plan in the next general election. We cannot, we will not give up this struggle. Enacting the holiday is the right thing to do. I am committed to its passage. I pledge all of my energy to work toward that goal as long as I serve as your governor... and beyond that time if necessary. Let's just do it. Today I have signed a Proclamation regarding Doctor Martin Luther King, Junior. Let me read it to you."

(Read Proclamation)
"This tremendous outpouring of support for Martin Luther King holiday. We can then



Day Photo: Rev. Luff and wife



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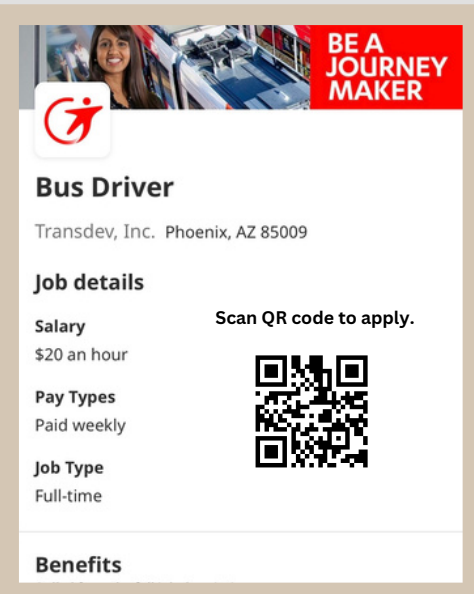
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4:30PM-5PM | MEET & GREET
MEET & GREET WITH SCHOLARSHIP REPRESENTATIVES, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS & COLLEGE DEPOT STAFF

5PM | ANATOMY OF A SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP
UNDERSTAND WHAT A SCHOLARSHIP CONSISTS OF

5:30PM | WRITING A WINNING SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY WORKSHOP
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6PM-6:30PM | MEET & GREET
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