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The celebration took place on May 13th; the anniversary date of the Mule Train leaving Marks, Mississippi, headed to Atlanta, Georgia, fifty-three years ago. Scores of out of town guests and local residents came to witness this occasion; which is featured in this pictorial news story.

This project was made possible through the funding of a 2018 National Park Service African American Preservation grant (NPS) and the collaborative partnership with Mississippi State University's Carl Small Town Center (CSTC). Residents and tourists can journey along the marked Mule Train

Interpretive Trail and read, touch and explore the content of each marker. These markers signify the locations and places where Dr. King, members of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), noted celebrities, Freedom Riders, and hundreds of civil rights community organizers, as well as scores of local leaders and residents emerged; creating this civil rights history, which is now documented and artistically displayed on the eleven interpretive markers.

The unveiling and program were made possible by the following sponsors: Listed below.



James "Super Chikan" Johnson performs at the 53rd Anniversary of the Mule Train & MLK, Jr. Poor People's Campaign



Judge Gina Higgins, Shelby County Circuit Court Judge presents awards to Lackey's Scholars



Leah Kemp, Director, Mississippi State University's Carl Small Town Center accepts award from Lackey's Scholars



Judge Higgins and School District Superintendent award Darius Huddleston, trophy for his academic achievement



John Spann makes announcement about Marks Mule Train exhibit at Two Mississippi Museums on display in Jackson, MS.



Dr. Leniece Smith and Dr. Hilliard Lackey Professors, Jackson State University present award as Man of the Year to Calvin Upshaw's mother for his participation in 2021 American Idol Contestant



Senator Robert Jackson presents Dr. Richard E. Waller & Dr. James E. Warrington with 2021 Humanitarian Awards for outstanding community service.



The crowd looks on as Judge Gina Higgins delivers the Oath of Leadership to Lackey's Scholars



Mayor Joe Shegog and President of Board of Supervisors present WATN-TV local 24 News, Memphis, TN, Weeknight Anchor Katina Rankin with key to the City of Marks and a Board Resolution for outstanding documentary award for 2020 Emmy nominated, "The Mule Train: Poor People's Campaign Continued"

MS State Senator, 11 District, receives 2021 Person of Year Award, presented by Dr. Leniece Smith, Professor Jackson State University



News anchor Katina Rankin and Photojournalist Nicki Storey honored by 53rd Anniversary for the 2020 nominated Emmy documentary, "The Mule Train: Poor People's Campaign Continued"



Pro Golfer, Robert, "Bob" Ford with Lackey's Scholars announces the grand opening of the Howard D. Catchings Golf Driving Range and Putting Green in Lambert, MS on June 19th

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