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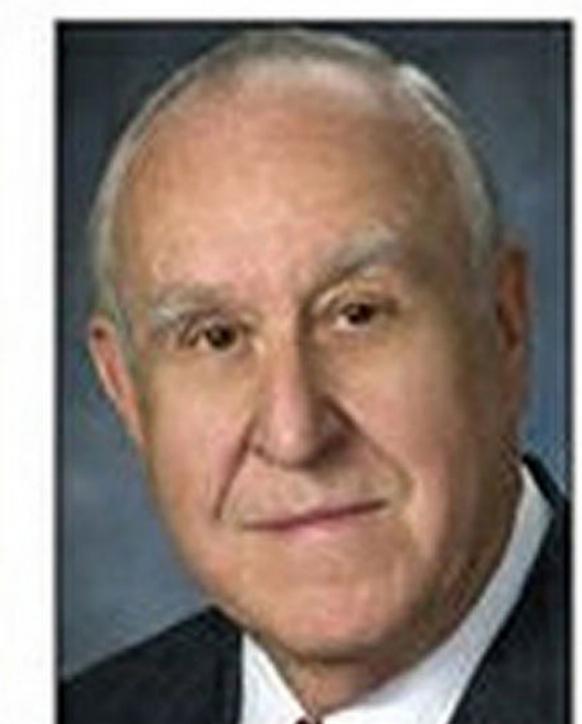
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Nine honorees will receive the 2016 International Trailblazer Awards on July 17 presented by Decatur-based nonprofit JABY Inc.

Recipients are: U.S. Rep. John Lewis; Rotary International President-elect John Germ; Judge Jasmine Twitty, youngest appointed judge in America; DeKalb Sheriff Jeff Mann; film producer Forrest Tuff; "Food Network Star" celebrity chef Tregaye Fraser; Voices of Faith South Pastor James Murkison; VA volunteer LaVeda Bennett; and Lithonia dentist Sonya Windham Wilder.

The awards presentation takes place at the Sheraton Atlanta Airport Hotel, 1900 Sullivan Road.

The red carpet event starts at 5:30 p.m. with a silent auction. Red carpet host is Veronica Waters, anchor and reporter for News/Talk WSB, and the event mistress of ceremony is Tensie Taylor, a host for the online Rich Girl TV Network.

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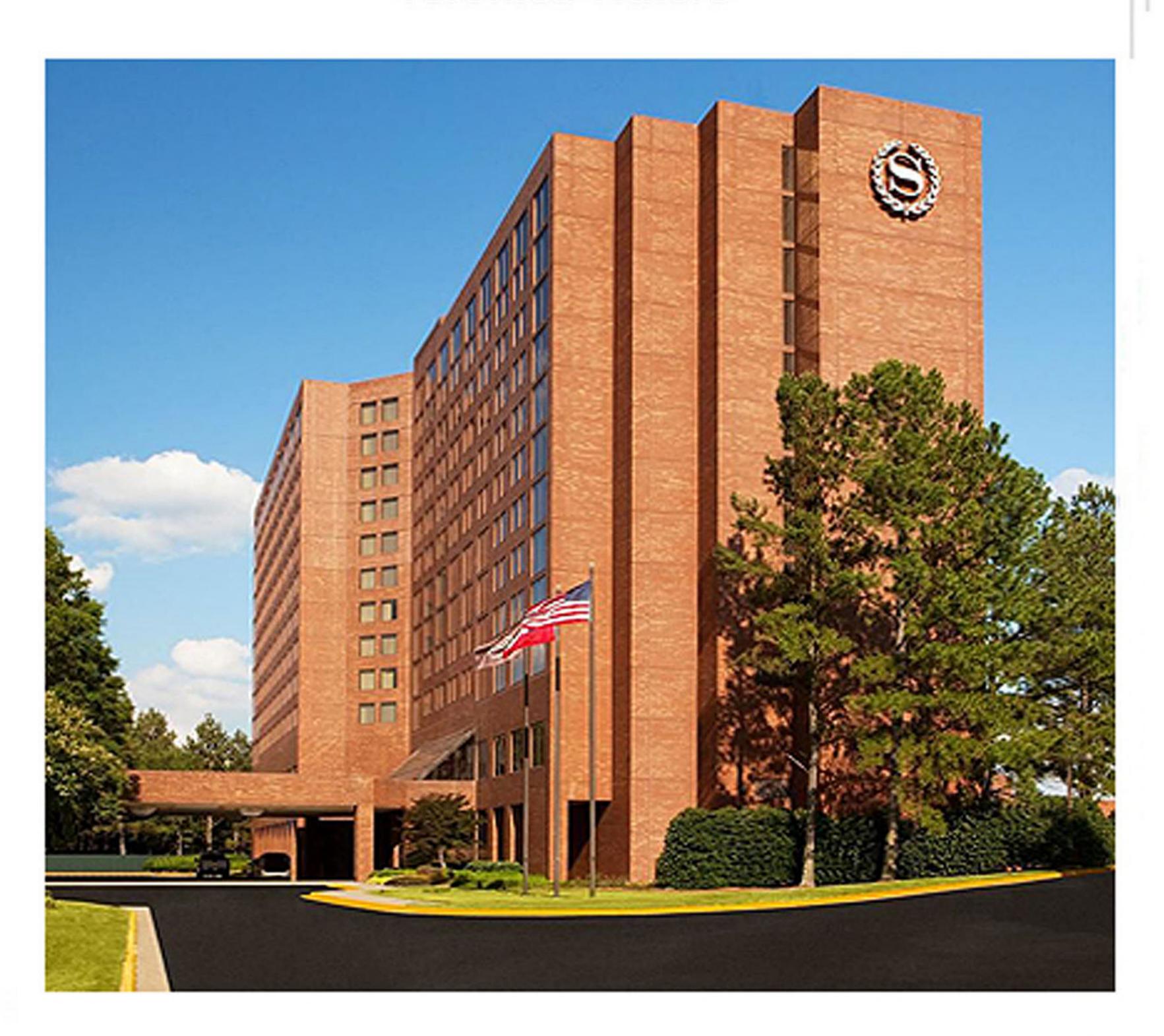


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Obama honors Lewis, Bloody Sunday heroes

Thousands mark 50th amiversary of Selma march

By Jennifer Ffrench Parker

Fifth District U.S. Rep. John Lewis, who was beaten bloody on March 7, 1965, got a huge hug from President Barack Obama on March 7, 2015, at the foot of the same Edmund Pettus Bridge where white policemen attacked him and 600 other marchers with clubs and dogs to stop their peaceful march for the right to vote.

Before speaking to the thousands of people gathered to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Bloody Sunday, Obama enveloped Lewis, who introduced him, in his arms.

"It was a rare honor in this life to follow one of your heroes," the president said. "And John Lewis is one of my heroes."

Lewis told the crowd that 17 of the marchers were hospitalized but that they never became bitter. He said he returns to Selma year after year to be renewed to continue the fight for freedom.

"Don't give up," said Lewis, whose DeKalb County, "Don't get lost in a sea of despair. We all live in one house-the American house."

ago, a younger John Lewis did not wake up

that morning with heroics on his mind. "A day like this was not on his mind," he said, "Young folks with bedrolls and backpacks were milling about. Veterans of the movement trained newcomers in the tactics of nonviolence, the right way to protect decided. yourself when attacked. A doctor described what tear gas does to the body, while marchers scribbled down instructions for contacting their loved ones. The air was thick comforted themselves with the final verse of



President Barack Obama embraces U.S. Rep. John Lewis, who was beaten on Bloody Sunday In Selma, Ala., on March 7, 1965. Obama spoke at the 50th anniversary observance.

Thousands journey to Seima to mark 50th Anniversary of Bloody Sunday - Story, photos on pages 6 & 7.

take care of you.'

Obama said he imagined that 50 years ment - all you need for a night behind bars. Abernathy, C.T. Vivian, Andrew Young, that love and hope can conquer hate. John Lewis led them out of the church on Fred Shuttlesworth, Dr. Martin Luther King a mission to change America."

Where U.S. destiny decided

Obama said Selma was one of the places ultimately triumphed." and moments where the nation's destiny was

may be the test, God will take care of you; not a clash of armies, but a clash of wills; a and the trampling hoof, men and women Please see MARCH, page 2

congressional district includes portions of Lean, weary one, upon His breast, God will contest to determine the true meaning of reverberate through the ages, not because America. And because of men and women the change they won was preordained or "And then, his knapsack stocked with an like John Lewis, Joseph Lowery, Hosea Wil-their victory was complete, but because they apple, a toothbrush, and a book on govern- liams, Amelia Boynton, Diane Nash, Ralph proved that nonviolent change is possible, Jr. and so many others, the idea of a just

examine Selma in isolation. "In one afternoon 50 years ago, so much "The march on Selma was part of a worse. They were called everything but the of our turbulent history - the stain of slav- broader campaign that spanned generations ery and anguish of Civil War; the yoke of - the leaders that day part of a long line of segregation and tyranny of Jim Crow; the heroes," he said. "We gather here to celebrate. Their patriotism challenged." with doubt, anticipation and fear. And they death of four little girls in Birmingham; and them. We gather here to honor the courage the dream of a Baptist preacher - all that of ordinary Americans willing to endure the final hymn they sung: 'No matter what history met on this bridge," he said. "It was billy dubs and the chastening rod, tear gas ___

who despite the gush of blood and splintered bone would stay true to their North Star and keep marching toward justice."

He said they did as Scripture instructed. "'Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer," he quoted. "And in the days to come, they went back again and again. When the trumpet call sounded for more to join, the people came - black and white, young and old, Christian and Jew,

waving the American flag and singing the

same anthems full of faith and hope."

'They led a nation' In time, Obama said that the marchers' chorus would well up and reach President Lyndon Johnson, who sent send them protection and spoke to the nation, echoing their call for America and the world to hear: "We shall overcome."

Obama said the Americans who crossed

this bridge were not physically imposing. "But they gave courage to millions," he said, "They held no elected office. But they led a nation. They marched as Americans who had endured hundreds of years of brutal violence, countless daily indignities - but they didn't seek special treatment, just the equal treatment promised to them almost a century before."

He said what they did in Selma will

"As we commemorate their achievement, we are well-served to remember that America and a fair America, an inclusive at the time of the marches, many in power America, and a generous America - that idea condemned rather than praised them," Obarna said, "Back then, they were called But the president said that we cannot. Communists, or half-breeds, or outside agitators, sexual and moral degenerates, and name their parents gave them. Their faith was questioned. Their lives were threatened.

> And yet what could be more American than what happened in this place, the presi-