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**Supervisor Glover on the death of Coretta Scott King**

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PITTSBURG, Calif. (Jan. 31) -- Since the death of her husband, Martin Luther King Jr., Coretta Scott King has carried the torch left by his legacy by founding the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change in Atlanta.

"She is a civil rights icon in her own right," says Contra Costa County Supervisor Federal Glover upon learning of King's death this morning.

One of the legacies left by that generation of civil rights leaders is the growth of the African-American middle class, said Glover, the first African-American County Supervisor in Contra Costa County. "It is the obligation of those people who have good jobs, attend good schools and can afford good homes, to give back to their community.

"As beneficiaries of the civil rights struggle, we need to take it upon ourselves to continue to build on the progress that has already been made," said Glover. "Following so closely the passing of Rosa Parks, Coretta Scott King's death on the eve of Black History Month reminds us that a new generation of leaders needs to assume the responsibility to take the next steps for social justice, not just for the African-American community, but for all Americans.

"Much of that responsibility will fall on the shoulders of those in positions of influence, not only the superstar athletes and entertainers, not only the political and community leaders among us, but for each and every one of us to make sure that as we lift ourselves up, that we extend a hand to our brothers and sisters and make sure that door to equality remains open."

Glover reminds us of Coretta Scott King's words: "Struggle is a never-ending process. Freedom is never really won; you earn it and win it in every generation."