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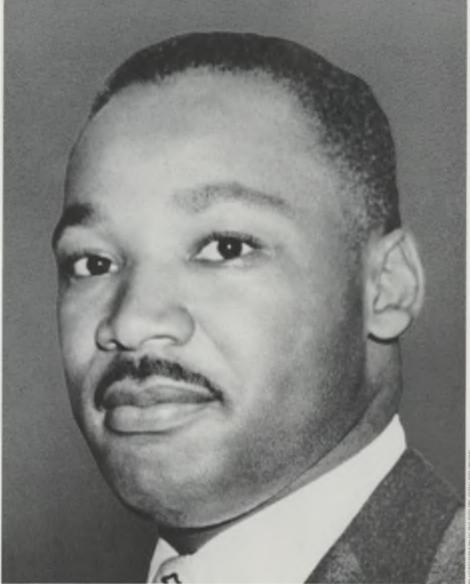
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Martin Luther King Jr., at Howard University, 1966

# Remembering King

"America is a land that honors its heroes," wrote Howard law professor J. Clay Smith in a commentary which appeared in our January 1984 edition.

Professor Smith's essay, "The Legacy of King: America Honors a Hero," followed the designation of the birthday of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., as a holiday.

While noting that Howard University and other Black institutions throughout the country have been commemorating Dr. King's birthday for a number of years, he pointed out the following:

"The designation of one Monday in January as a day of remembrance for the man, and to his contributions to our society and country, is a moment that Black America had waited for, marched for, prayed for, and lobbied for for more than a decade."

At last, beginning in January 1986, the whole nation celebrates with us. Amen.

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