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Public Farewell for National Civil Rights Museum Founder
Visitation for D'Army Bailey Set for Friday at the Museum

(Memphis, TN — July 14, 2015) The National Civil Rights Museum will hold a public visitation for museum founder and civil rights leader, Judge D'Army Bailey on Friday, July 17, from noon to 6:00pm in the State of Tennessee Gallery. The Museum will remain open during visitation. Its campus flags will fly at half-mast Friday in honor of Judge Bailey.

“The National Civil Rights Museum shares a deep sense of loss with the civil rights community as we mourn the passing of one of our founders. D'Army Bailey felt it was important to preserve the Lorraine Motel, the place where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated in 1968, as a lasting memorial. It's because of his determination to save the Lorraine that the National Civil Rights Museum exists today,” said Museum President Terri Lee Freeman. “He was such a public servant, it is fitting that we bring him back to the Museum so the public will have an opportunity to pay their respects.”

The public is invited to say farewell to the civil rights visionary. At the request of the family, no photos or videos are allowed in the gallery. Funeral services for Judge D'Army Bailey are set for Saturday, July 18, at noon at Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, 70 N. Bellevue. N. J. Ford and Sons Funeral Home has charge.

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