

**INSTALLATION OF STATE CIVIL RIGHTS HISTORY MARKER**  
**June 12, 2010 • 1:30 PM**

**BILOXI LIGHTHOUSE at**  
**DR. GILBERT R. MASON, SR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY**  
(Highway 90)

**Order of Ceremony**



**WELCOME**

*Master of Ceremonies Dr. John Kelly - Sigma Pi Phi Boule'*

**PRAYER**

*Pastor Eric Dickey - First Missionary Baptist Church, Biloxi*

**"LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING"**

*First Missionary Baptist Church of Biloxi Choir*

**OBSERVATIONS**

*William Stallworth, Biloxi City Council*  
*William Martin, Harrison County Board of Supervisors*

**COMMEMORATIVE REMARKS**

*Bishop James Black - Freedom Activist; Pastor of Tabernacle of Praise, Biloxi, MS*

**"WADE IN THE WATER"**

*First Missionary Baptist Church of Biloxi Choir*

**UNVEILING OF MARKER**

*Sigma Pi Phi Boule', Wade-in Participants and Witnesses*

**"WE SHALL OVERCOME"**

**BENEDICTION**

*Pastor Eric Dickey*

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*This program is dedicated to the memory of*  
**Mrs. Natalie and Dr. Gilbert R. Mason, Sr., and Mr. Jack and Mrs. Blanche Elzy.**

# OBSERVATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY *of the* "BLOODY WADE-IN" CIVIL RIGHTS PROTEST



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*Biloxi Beach wade-in protesters attempt to escape attackers, April 10, 1960*