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Members of HIS Daughters' Legacy at the future site of the Freedom Park, along with members of the Floyd family and community leaders.

Org. brings awareness to park and Floyd

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RALEIGH - HIS Daughters' Legacy, Inc., a girls' mentoring ministry, is helping to bring awareness to North Carolina Freedom Park and the Light the Beacon Campaign. The park will honor the African American experience and struggle for freedom in North Carolina. It will be erected in the heart of downtown Raleigh on the corner of Lane and Wilmington streets.

The park will be illuminated

by walls inscribed with names and quotes from African Americans enslaved and free, pioneering politicians and educators, lawyers and businessmen. At the center of the park will be an inspiring Beacon of Freedom, a golden flame-like structure towering 40 feet.

As part of their participation in the Lead4Change Student Leadership project, the girls' ministry approached the Freedom Park board to pay tribute to Hope County native George

Floyd Jr. They desired to see Floyd's name and quote, "I can't breathe" on one of the walls along with the others. They approached the board with the idea, which was voted on and passed.

The young ladies decided to also incorporate fundraising into their project to help with the remaining funds needed to complete the Beacon of Freedom. They are planning community fundraising events to

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help in this effort.

Jacquetta Rascoe, a family member of George Floyd's, made the family aware of what the organization was doing in bringing awareness to the Freedom Park and honoring Floyd. The family provided the following statement:

"On behalf of The Floyd Family, we are grateful and honored for the recognition bestowed upon our beloved George Perry Floyd, Jr. The family affectionately called him "Perry, Jr". The world knows him as "George Floyd". This acknowledgement will forever be a call to action with keeping his

legacy alive for the world to see. GONE TOO SOON, THE FAMILY".

HIS Daughters' Legacy is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization headquartered in Clayton.

This ministry provides activities and community service opportunities throughout the state to girls ages 7-17.