

# Florida Civil Rights Association

Mourns the death of Michael Jackson

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The emotional response to this tragedy also reminds us of another musical legend. Elvis, whose controversial dance moves and lyrics have also bridged the age and race gap in the United States. While seemingly unintentional both legends have contributed to racial awareness and fostered open exchange of ideas.

Upon receiving the news of the death, FCRA State Secretary Marsha Watson traveled down memory lane, as millions will today. She shared that she joined the Jackson Five Fan Club in the early 1970's, showing her membership letter and autographed photos of the young Michael Jackson and of the Jackson Five to include a large poster with the Five Brothers and their youngest brother Randy. The group was known as the Jackson Five, plus one, stated Watson. This is so surreal, I did not expect to have such an emotional response to the news, yesterday these posters were just items from my childhood, today it is memorabilia. I would never have imagined Michael Jackson dying, we mourn the loss of what may have been, but will celebrate the legacy, Watson said.

Our prayers go out to his children and family during this difficult time.

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