



# Office of Jason Crowell State Senator

## The Crowell Connection

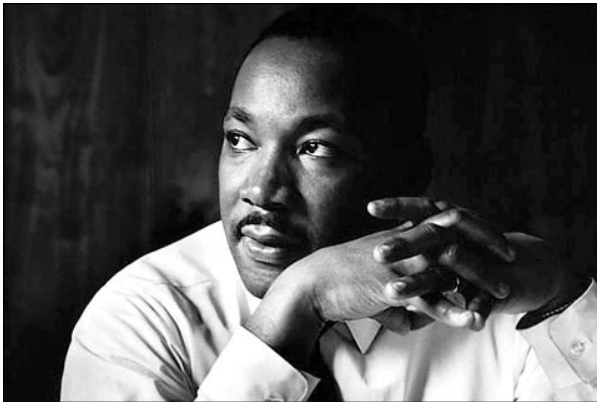
Senator Jason Crowell – Serving Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Madison, Mississippi, Perry, and Scott Counties.

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## **Martin Luther King Jr.:**

*His message lives on*

Thirty-nine years ago, this country laid to rest a man who, at the forefront of the civil rights fight, dispelled the theory that equality's reach did not extend to everyone. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was an activist who took to the pulpit on behalf of every man and woman of every creed, color and culture. He was the voice for every individual who had a dream.



On January 15, our nation commemorates the legacy of Dr. King by observing his birthday. The day serves as a reminder of how he was a model of courage, truth, justice, compassion, humility and service. His revolutionary spirit, inspiring words and optimistic vision helped give hope to this country in the 1960s. He put his life on the line just to spread his message of equality for all, and even braved jail time, threats and beatings.

In early April of 1968, Dr. King was in Memphis to speak at a rally for workers' rights. On the evening of April 4, Dr. King was on the balcony of the motel where he was staying when he was shot and killed. Although his life was snuffed out, his death further fueled the national movement for a color-blind society.

During the nearly four decades since Dr. King died, this country has made significant steps toward a more tolerant civilization. As a whole, we are far from

achieving all-out racial equality, but we are undoubtedly on our way to fulfilling his dream. This dream extends beyond the boundaries of the United States, reaching all people and nations in this world, pushing for victory over not only racism, but poverty and violence as well.

## **Contact Me**

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