

DESC – International African American Museum Dedication transcript

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This museum that we

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opened today is a gift to our country,

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and it is a gift to each of us

and to future generations.

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We are here today at this hallowed site

to reclaim a piece of the site of Gadsden

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Wharf and reimagine

it as a space to tell one

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of the greatest stories of human

struggle and triumph of all time.

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Getting to this historic moment

has been a long journey,

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it took hard work. Dominion

Energy is a contributor to that effort

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and is very proud and honored

to be part of the dedication.

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The museum will help us connect

with our roots and our history

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And Dominion Energy
has deep roots in Charleston,

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beginning as a Charleston Gas
and Light Company chartered in 1846.

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Thank you for your
contribution to the museum .

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Dominion Energy's gift to this museum
does two very important things.

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Number one, it help
defray the cost of construction.

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But number two,

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the importance of it is really about
what it does for the future,

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This museum tells
the story of perseverance

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resistance to enslavement,

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and significant contributions
to the greatness of this country.

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Being able to go to a museum that speaks
to that history it's a wonderful story

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of activism and just liberation
for African Americans in this country.

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And if we can utilize history

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in order to bring people together
for a common cause, in order to promote

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diversity, equity and inclusion,
then that's a good thing for everyone.

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This powerful museum will
teach us and inspire us

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to build a better future together.

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Welcome to the International
African American Museum.