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President McCain's Introduction of Dr. Martin Luther King.

"Let me summarize by pointing out that Dr. Martin Luther King was founder and is President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. An organization deeply rooted in the moral imperatives of a philosophy of non-violence reflected in the thinking of Jesus, Thoreau and Mahatma Gandhi. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, the citation of which stated without Dr. King's confirmed effectiveness, demonstrations and marches the Civil Rights movement in the United States could easily have become violent and ended with the spilling of blood. He is the youngest person ever to receive that prize. Time magazine selected him in 1963 as the Man of the Year and referred to him as the unchallenged voice of the Negro people and the disquieting conscience of the white. He was educated in a number of different universities including Morehouse College, the University of Pennsylvania, Harvard University and Boston University at which he earned a Doctor's Degree, and he has been awarded honorary degrees by more than 20 universities including the University of Chicago, Howard University, Lincoln University, Boston University and Yale. He's the author of many books and articles, and before presenting him to you let me pay a personal tribute to the beauty of Dr. King's prose. I consider him one of the rare persons in America today who in response to a question for which he has had no opportunity to prepare answers and cadences reflects a brilliant grasp of the English language as well as the capacity for logical thinking at a very high level. I therefore present you today our speaker, distinguished American and a great citizen of the world, Dr. Martin Luther King."

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