



The President of the United States of America

Awards this

Presidential Medal of Freedom

Andrew Goodman

In 1964, three young men sought to right one of the many wrongs of the Jim Crow era by joining hundreds of others to register black voters in Mississippi during "Freedom Summer." The work was fraught with danger, yet their commitment to justice was so strong that they were willing to risk their lives for it. Their deaths shocked the Nation, and their courage has never been forgotten. James Earl Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Henry Schwerner still inspire us. Their ideals have been written into the moral fabric of our Nation, from the landmark civil rights legislation enacted days after their deaths to our continued pursuit of a more perfect Union.

*The White House
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Barack Obama", written in a cursive style.