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County Lowers Flags On Negro's Complaint

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 5 (AP) — Within five minutes after a Negro employe complained, the flags atop the Jackson County Courthouse and the City Hall were lowered to half-staff today in honor of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Phil Curls, an employe in the office of the county Circuit Clerk, noted that when a mascot dog at a city fire station died recently the firemen flew their flag at half-staff.

"If a fire station can show respect to a dog," Mr. Curls told government officials, "surely the governmental agencies of this city can show respect to a man who has dedicated his brief lifetime to make America the country it professes to be."

Mr. Curls's superior is Bruce Watkins, the first Negro ever elected Jackson County Circuit Clerk.