



Redistricting - U.S. Census Bureau Announces 2010 Census Population Counts -- Apportionment Counts Delivered to President



NAACP 2010 Census Campaign

Dec 21, 2010 - The United States Census Bureau released its state-by-state total population results for the 2010 Census, and with them the number of seats each state receives in the U.S. House of Representatives under reapportionment for the 113th Congress, which convenes in January 2013.

The bureau announced the official national population count, which is 308,745,538, up from 281,421,906 in 2000. The 9.7 percent growth rate over the last decade was the second slowest since the Great Depression years of the 1930s.

South Carolina's population rose by 15.3 percent to 4.6 million -- an even higher rate than the South overall (14.3 percent). Thanks in part to the NAACP's Yes We Count Campaign South Carolina's census response rate increased 8 percentage points - the *highest increase* in the nation! The Goose Creek NAACP branch and other branches who participated in the NAACP 2010 Yes We Count Campaign are applauded for their work.

Beginning in February and wrapping up by March 31, 2011, the Census Bureau will release demographic data to the states on a rolling basis so state governments can start the redistricting process.

What is Redistricting?

Redistricting is rooted in our system of government and representation. The United

States Constitution requires that each state be represented by two U.S. Senators and that seats in the U.S. House of Representatives be divided among the states. Each state receives a number of seats in the House of Representatives proportionate to its population as recorded by the Census conducted. After each Census, the number of seats in the House of Representatives for each state is adjusted depending on whether its population increased or decreased in comparison to other states. States with more people are given more representation in the House of Representatives. This process—called “reapportionment”—occurs once every ten years, based on the results of the Census.

The Redistricting Process, Minority Voting Rights and the Voting Rights Act

How does redistricting affect minority voting rights?

Each decade, some redistricting plans “dilute” or weaken the ability of minority racial groups to elect candidates of their choice.

Redistricting techniques historically employed to dilute minority voting rights include:

“Cracking” – fragmenting concentrations of minority population and dispersing them among other districts to prevent minority opportunities to elect candidates of their choice.

“Stacking” – combining concentrations of minority population with greater concentrations of white population to prevent minority opportunities to elect candidates of their choice.

“Packing” – over-concentrating minorities in as few districts as possible to minimize the number of districts in which minorities constitute a numerical majority (referred to as “majority-minority districts”).

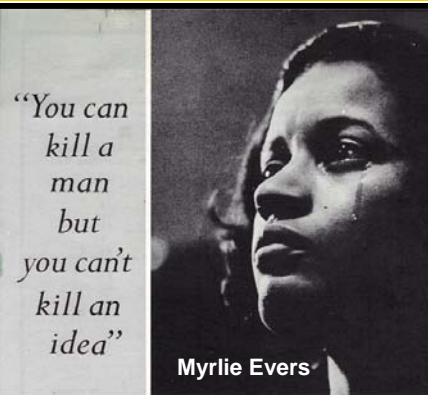
These techniques result in the dilution of minority voting strength, since minorities are not able to elect as many candidates to office

as they could if the districts were drawn in a fair way.

How does the Voting Rights Act prevent minority vote dilution?

The Voting Rights Act has two important provisions which prohibit weakening voting strength: Section 2 and Section 5.

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*Brenda Bines Watson decided not to run for a second term as president. Strangely, with all the talented and qualified members of the Goose Creek NAACP Branch the nominating committee did not present any candidates for president, secretary, or treasurer. Even stranger, no candidates were garnered from floor nominations.

Per information received from the SC State Conference Director, Dwight James by outgoing president, Brenda Bines Watson, "The newly elected executive committee becomes effective January 1, 2011. Therefore, any actions taken prior to that time would be unofficial. The new executive committee must take up any vacancies upon assuming office.

When January 1, 2011 arrives, the new officers assume their respective positions automatically. The swearing in of officers is a formality that has no bearing on the effective date of the term." ■

BRANCH MEETINGS

Goose Creek NAACP meets the first Monday of the month at Abraham Masonic Building
206 Liberty Hall Rd; Goose Creek, SC.

Upcoming Meetings

Monday January 3, 2010 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM General Meeting

SC State Conference, NAACP
 Post Office Box 1148
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NAACP
King Day
At The
Dome

Monday, January 17, 2011

SAVE THE DATE!

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SCHEDULED EVENTS

8:30 AM	Prayer Service
9:30 AM	March Line-up
10:15 AM	Rally at the State House
12:30 PM	Youth Empowerment Forum

We would like to lead a caravan of no less than 10 vehicles to the King's Day at the Dome March and Rally. We will leave from Abraham Masonic Hall (206 Liberty Hall Rd in Goose Creek) at 6:30 a.m. and return at 4:00 p.m. [Please contact me at 843 276-6294](tel:843-276-6294), or [Mr. Eddie Anderson at 843-553-9648](tel:843-553-9648) for additional information or to R.S.V.P.

Please circulate this invitation to churches or organizations that you think might be interested in participating in the march. This will be a wonderful rewarding opportunity. I welcome the opportunity to discuss this with any pastor or youth director who has questions. Remember, we are the NAACP and we can't move forward without your support.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to let me know.

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Goose Creek NAACP and Princeton Review to Sponsor Free Practice SAT & ACT on Saturday on February 19, 2011

The Princeton Review and the Goose Creek NAACP have partnered together to offer a free PSAT exam to 10th & 11th grade students and a free practice ACT for 7th & 8th Graders on Saturday, February 19, 2011 at Goose Creek High School. The PSAT offered is a full-length practice exam that provides students an opportunity to see how they would score on the actual test. The Princeton Review will score all exams and mail each student a detailed score report within 10 days of completing the exam. The score report provides information on areas of mastery as well as areas of needed improvement and breaks down each score by subject.

Listed below is an outline of the Scholarship/Financial Aid Workshop for parents to attend while their child(ren) are testing.

I. Scholarships

a. Types of Scholarship

Merit-based

Academic

Athletic

Community/Organization-specific

SAT/ACT Score-based

b. Research

Check with the specific schools to which you are applying

Use the web: search, search, search!

Check with your High School

Other options

c. Top 5 Scholarship websites available

II. Getting in AND Paying For It!

The financial aid process can be intimidating, but knowledge is power. The truth is, parents and students who understand how to apply for financial aid get more money, and that's where we come in.

a. Princeton Review financial aid experts demystify the financial aid process and show you how you can get a quality education at a fair price. This workshop lasts from 60-90 minutes and covers:

- Taking control of the financial aid process
- Long-term investment strategies that maximize eligibility.
- Short-term strategies to boost your financial aid award
- Making a school list with financial aid in mind
- How to pick a financial safety school
- Making the most of free federal aid
- What students can do to contribute to tuition costs (EFC, Work Study, Grants)
- Completing the FASFA

Agenda



8:00 – 9:00	Breakfast and Registration – Provided by Goose Creek NAACP
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome and Introductions
9:15 – 10:00	The Princeton Review Test Taking Strategies
10:00 – 12:30	Students move to Testing Room; Parents stay for Seminar
10:00 – 12:30	Parent Seminar – The Princeton Review Financial Aid and Scholarships
12:30 – 1: 45	Lunch – Provided by Goose Creek NAACP
1:45 – 3:00	NAACP Q&A – Information given about the Goose Creek NAACP Youth Council



Limited Seating Available! To register or for more information contact Brenda Bines Watson at 870-4225 or Andrea Glover Matthews at 729-7994.



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Section 2 prohibits practices that intend to or result in the denial or abridgement of the right to vote on account of race, color, or status as a language minority. A violation of Section 2 is established if, based on the totality of circumstances, it is shown that voting practices are not equally open to participation by minorities. Hence, voting practices that limit the chance of minority voters to elect the candidates of their choice violates Section 2.

Section 5 requires all or part of 16 “covered jurisdictions” with a history of discrimination in voting practices to submit changes to voting laws, rules, or procedures to the federal government for “preclearance,” a review process designed to make sure that proposed voting changes in these jurisdictions are not racially discriminatory. Voting practices that violate Section 5 are prevented from being enforced in the covered jurisdictions.

In just a couple of months, the U.S. Census Bureau will release new data that will trigger the redrawing of district lines at the city, county, state and federal levels. Officials will need to redraw lines that not only comply with the one-person, one-vote principle, but also comply with the central requirements of the Voting Rights Act.

What happens when redistricting plans are adopted without meaningful participation by minority communities?

Until fairly recently, minority residents have often had little say in the creation of redistricting plans approved by state legislatures. As a result, in some instances, minority communities were divided up, fractured and placed into many different districts (known as “cracking”). In other instances, they were unnecessarily concentrated in a small number of districts, which prevents fair representation across a greater number of districts (known as “packing”). Since the 1980s and 1990s, we have seen progress that is largely attributable to the protections afforded by the Voting Rights Act and more engagement of minority communities in the redistricting process.

Community members can testify at public hearings about proposed maps and provide feedback on the maps proposed by the official redistricting body and others. This is particularly important when proposed maps are detri-

mental to your community. A proposed map can be detrimental, for instance, if it fractures your community and prevents opportunities for your community to elect a candidate of choice.

In addition, if you live in a Section 5 jurisdiction, you can participate by sending Comment Letters to the U.S. Department of Justice regarding the submitted redistricting map. Your Comment Letter can explain how the proposed redistricting map impacts your community.

Who may participate in the redistricting process?

Anyone may participate! Interested parties—including non-profit organizations, community leaders, and political parties—may use maps and population counts of their states, counties and cities to advocate for where they believe district boundaries should be drawn. This information can also be used to present alternative maps to redistricting decision-makers. All redistricting proposals, including alternative redistricting plans, should be closely analyzed to ensure that they do not violate the Voting Rights Act of 1965 or the U.S. Constitution. Alternative redistricting proposals should be presented to the appropriate governmental body or committee before the redistricting deadlines that have been established in each state. Interested parties can also aid the redistricting process by presenting testimony about your community, its interests, and evidence of ongoing discrimination faced by your community.

Why participate in the redistricting process?

Participating in redistricting will give your community a voice, which is critical to ensuring that it has equal access to the political process. This participation can also encourage citizens to register, vote, and remain politically engaged. It can also help lead to the adoption of redistricting plans that provide minority communities a meaningful opportunity to elect candidates who represent their interests on issues that are important to their lives, from getting street lamps in their neighborhoods, to securing safe schools and new playgrounds. Take advantage of opportunities to participate in all phases of the redistricting process!

How can you participate in the redistricting process?

If you are interested in presenting an alternative redistricting map that could improve op-

portunities for your community to elect a candidate of choice, there are several steps you as a community member will need to take in order to get involved:

Determine at what level(s) of government you want to get involved (i.e. Congressional, state, county or city redistricting).

- Determine the schedule of hearings, and any deadlines for the submission of maps and testimony.
- Learn what resources will be made available to members of the public for data analysis and mapping.
- Advocate for public access to all redistricting plans created by the redistricting body.
- Determine the rules for submitting alternative maps (i.e., whether one must submit a map for the entire jurisdiction being redistricted, or whether one can submit a partial map for just one district or regional area).
- Find out when the PL 94-171 data will be released to the public in your state

How much you know about indentifying districts that do not discriminate against the minority voter?

The NAACP Legal Defense and Education LDF aims to increase the level of African American participation in the redistricting process through the dissemination of important resource and training materials. Significant features of LDF’s program include the launch of a new website, www.redrawingthelines.org, which features concise, user-friendly materials that provide an overview of the redistricting process. The website also includes a public service video promoting the importance of participating in the redistricting process, outlines strategies for getting involved and provides access to resources related to local redistricting efforts.

LDF’s comprehensive program also includes a manual providing information for community members, activists, and policy makers. The manual, which was written in conjunction with the Asian American Justice Center and the Mexican American Legal Defense Fund, is available on LDF’s website at: <http://naacpldf.org/publication/impact-redistricting-your-community-2010-guide-redistricting>.



Eliminating Health Disparities: An NAACP Strategic Priority

Elimination of disparities in accessibility to quality health care services by African-Americans and other minority groups is central to the work of the Goose Creek NAACP Branch. The Health Committee of the Goose Creek NAACP Branch:

- Advocates for universal health insurance and access to appropriate health care for all;
- Campaigns for equal access to health education, care and treatment;
- Sponsors events, such as health forums, HIV/AIDS Testing, and events that highlight issues of importance to people of color;
- Promotes equal representation of African-Americans and other minorities within the health professions;
- Advocates for increased research funding for African-American health issues; and supports health initiatives of the national NAACP.

January is National Blood Donor Month

During winter blood donations often decline as inclement weather causes blood drives to be cancelled and seasonal colds and flu can keep donors home. January can be a difficult month for blood donations yet the need for blood continues. That's why it's important for all eligible donors to make and honor blood donation appointments this month and throughout the winter.

Young donors are especially encouraged to make an appointment to give blood and start building regular donation habits. The Red Cross encourages all donors to make a new year's resolution to give blood regularly to help ensure a stable supply.

Platelet and type O negative blood donations are especially needed this month. By donating blood regularly, you make vital contributions to modern healthcare and help save lives.

How to Donate Blood: Simply call contact the Red Cross Lowcountry Chapter at 764-2323 or 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit giveblood.givelife.org to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license, or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood.

The American Red Cross and the NAACP have a long-standing relationship that spans 25 years and was reinforced during the response to Hurricane Katrina. Post-Katrina initiatives included the hiring of a National Liaison between the organizations, the training of more than 1,000 NAACP members by Red Cross staff and a leadership charge to Red Cross chapters encouraging them to work with their local NAACP branches. These measures created relationships that resulted in NAACP members actively engaging in disaster response efforts including sheltering and feeding.



Cancer and the fear of it

Cancer is a major health disparity for African Americans in South Carolina due to several factors. First, we are not sufficiently aware of cancer, or in many cases, we are in denial about it. Second, the African American lifestyle that often includes high use of alcohol and cigarettes puts us at high risk for developing lung cancer and cancers of the head and neck. Third, African Americans are not appropriately screened for cancer by their physicians mainly because we lack adequate health insurance. Screening for colon cancer is a good example. Those of us in the medical profession must educate African Americans and other minorities on how to deal with fears and the many health myths that are still very prominent in our community. These myths and fears interfere with the proper education, treatment, and follow up care for many of our loved ones who will have to deal with this disease. One common myth is that once cancer hits the air it will spread like wildfire. This, of course, is false. We are fortunate to have in South Carolina several notable cancer treatment facilities. The Medical University of South Carolina Hollings Cancer Center was recently afforded distinction as a National Cancer Institute Designation Center . There are only 63 other centers in the country with this distinction. We also have several very fine private practice physicians who have expertise in treating all kinds of cancer. We must use all of these resources together in an effort to educate the minority populations to overcome the fear of cancer. Make sure you get your information from a professional about cancer treatment.

Special thanks to Dr. Thaddeus John Bell, M.D. for his contribution to highlight issues of importance to people of color. You can visit Dr. Bell online at www.closingthegapinhealthcare.org



January is also Cervical Cancer Screening Month

- Cervical Cancer, when detected early is nearly 100% curable. All women are encouraged to see their health care provider for regular pap tests.
- Early detection saves lives. Talk to your doctor or health practitioner about cervical cancer, risk factors, vaccine prevention, symptoms and early detection.
- If you're over 21, get your regular pap test.



Lest we forget: We lost 2 Civil Rights giants in 2010 when the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Hooks and Dr. Dorothy Heights passed away

My Reactions to the Death of Drs. Hooks and Height
 By Mary C. Curtis



Our eyes are often on the future, as we anticipate what will be. That's fine, of course. But looking to the past is necessary, as well. The recent deaths of two civil rights icons provided a chance to honor their legacies and the hard work that moved the country to a present of increased opportunities for all citizens.

Benjamin L. Hooks and Dorothy I. Height lived long and full lives. Hooks led the NAACP during a conservative wave in America when many thought the work of civil rights was over. Hooks knew better. The first African-American to be appointed to the criminal court bench in his native Tennessee, the first African-

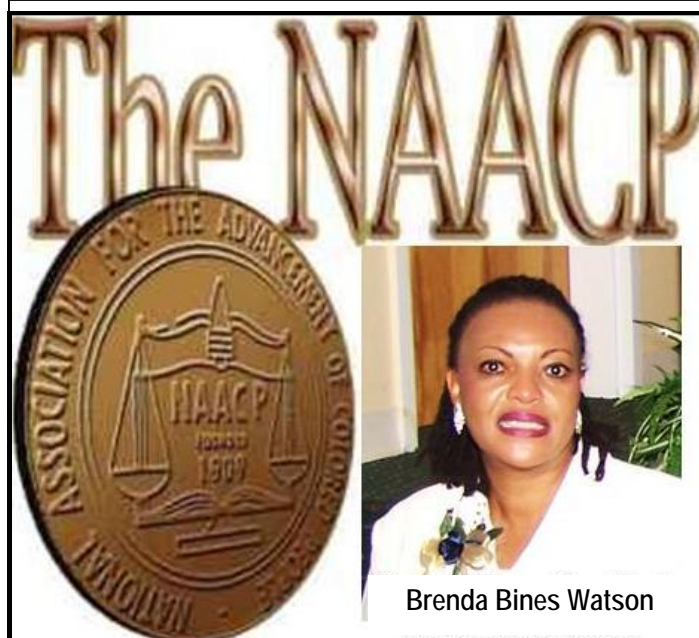
American to be named to the Federal Communications Commission realized the importance of education and job opportunities. He was a lawyer, a businessman and an ordained minister. He used that voice to preach on behalf of justice.

Height remained a true lady while agitating for justice for women and African-Americans. Even in the civil rights movement, women had to take a back seat. But though she was sometimes left out of the picture, everyone knew her strength and her worth as she worked on issues from school desegregation to voting rights. Height was honored by presidents, but she never strayed from working for the people. She led the National Council of Negro Women and the black family reunion celebration, and though

she never married, we are all her children. Though many honored the lives and mourned the deaths of Benjamin L. Hooks and Dorothy I. Height, not enough Americans know their contributions. They are American history.

They mattered. ■

Special thanks to Mary C. Curtis who is an award-winning Charlotte-based writer, editor and multimedia journalist. She is a contributor to PoliticsDaily.com, NPR, Creative Loafing and TheRoot.com. Her "Keeping It Positive" commentary airs every Wednesday morning on Fox News Rising Charlotte.



Brenda Bines Watson

In my final opportunity to speak to you as president of this organization, remember there can only be one state of mind as you encounter new endeavors.

You cannot tailor-make the situations of life, but you can tailor-make the attitudes to fit those situations. Total concentration, a spirit of togetherness, and strength will help in steering the course to accomplish our goals. Be of good cheer. Do not think of today's failures, but of the success that may come tomorrow. You will succeed if you persevere; and you will find a joy in overcoming obstacles. Remember no effort we make to attain something beautiful is ever lost.

Best wishes to the new officers and all of our members.

Brenda Bines-Watson
 Goose Creek NAACP Branch President
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December 29, 2010

We Need Your Help.

For more than 100 years, the NAACP has been fighting for universal justice and equality.

In past decades, that meant eliminating public lynching, poll taxes, "whites only" drinking fountains, and racial segregation in our schools.

In 2010, we continued this fight by securing minority representation in Texas textbooks, reducing the sentencing disparity between crack and powder cocaine, and vindicating the falsely accused.

New challenges will arise in 2011, and we rely on your strong support to overcome them. Please give to the NAACP today and help us build on our success in 2011 and beyond:

Despite our triumphs in 2010 and throughout the past century, our work is just beginning.

We must continue our fight as long as any child is denied equal educational opportunities due to race, economic hardship or where they live; as long as unemployment and home foreclosure rates run highest in minority communities; and as long as racial and ethnic disparities continue to plague the U.S. healthcare system.

Meeting these challenges demands the collective efforts of the NAACP community.

I am proud to be a member of this community, and I am humbled to be in your company. Before 2010 is over, please show your commitment by giving to the NAACP:

<http://action.naACP.org/support-us>

Often I have heard the phrase, "From many, we are one." As the new year approaches and I look back on 2010, those words resonate more deeply than ever before.

No matter how far we have come, the NAACP will not stop fighting until we achieve universal justice and equality for all.

I hope you'll join us.

Thanks,

Benjamin Todd Jealous
President and CEO
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It has been a monumental year.

Thanks to your support, the NAACP improved access to affordable health care, defended history in Texas when the Board of Education tried to rewrite it, and rushed to aid our brothers and sisters when tragedy struck the Gulf Coast once again.

However, with each step forward, negative forces threaten to retaliate by pushing back. So we must remain vigilant. Progress can be quickly reversed if we falter in our demand for equality.

Help the NAACP continue pushing forward by renewing your membership or by making a donation:

<http://action.naACP.org/PushForward>

In the past year, the NAACP has broken down barriers. And although the challenges of today differ greatly from those overcome by our parents and grandparents, the mission of the NAACP has never wavered.

No task is too difficult and no obstacle too great for people united in the pursuit of universal justice.

So, as you take a moment to reflect on how far we have come this year, remember that we still have a long way to go.

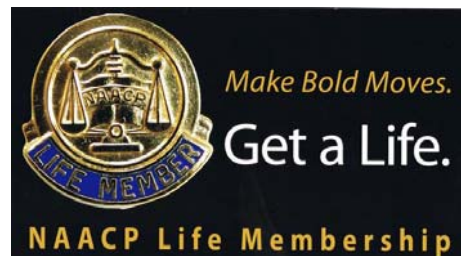
With your contribution, the NAACP will send an unmistakable message to the nation that our mission is not lost and our future remains full of promise and forward progress. Donate today at:

<http://action.naACP.org/PushForward>

The NAACP has ambitious plans for 2011, and with your help, it will be a year of continued victories.

Thank you,

Roslyn M. Brock, Chairman
NAACP National Board of Directors





NAACP Legislative Issues and Concerns

NAACP-Supported "Dream Act" Legislation Dies In Senate Vote



WASHINGTON, D.C. – On Saturday December 18, 2010, by a vote of 55-41, the U.S. Senate voted against cloture of debate to permit a majority of senators who support the DREAM Act (the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act) to join the House of Representatives and pass this significant legislation.

The NAACP supported permitting hard-working undocumented students educated in the United States to achieve their dreams of serving the nation in which they grew up by pursuing higher education or service in the armed forces. The DREAM Act holds substantial public support: 70%, according to a recent poll by First Focus, and 66 %, according to Lake Research Partners. The DREAM Act would provide a qualified path to citizenship otherwise not available to roughly 755,000 immigrant youth and young adults, specifically for those completing two years of college or military service.



Thomas A. Saenz, President and General Counsel of Mexican American Legal Defense & Education Fund (MALDEF), issued the following statement in response to today's vote on the DREAM Act:

"Democracy lost out today as a minority of the United States Senate refused to permit a vote on the merits of the DREAM Act. In the face of extraordinarily committed youth and a nationwide movement, obstinately obstructionist senators refused to allow a bill with obvious and enduring benefits to our nation's future to move forward. Sacrificed to transitory and shortsighted political trends were some of our nation's most critical constitutional and guiding principles. Enactment of the DREAM Act would have vindicated longstanding values that have served to make our nation great. This is a critical political moment, and the Latino community and the entire nation will surely hold accountable the political leaders who cravenly blocked

progress today."



"By failing to pass the DREAM Act, the Senate chose to perpetuate a grave injustice that punishes children for the acts of their parents while depriving our nation of the services of young people who seek nothing more than to fully join and contribute to the only nation they've ever known. This is both un-American and shortsighted," said Wade Henderson, president and CEO of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights.

South Carolina Senators Jim DeWitt and Lindsey Graham voted against the NAACP position and against cloture.

Cloture: The cloture rule—Rule 22—is the only formal procedure that Senate rules provide for breaking a filibuster. A filibuster is an attempt to block or delay Senate action on a bill or other matter. Under cloture, the Senate may limit consideration of a pending matter to 30 additional hours of debate.■

President Obama Signs Historic Bill Funding Pigford II Racial Discrimination Settlement For America's Black Farmers



On December 8, 2010, President Barack Obama signed historic legislation funding

a settlement, known as "Pigford II" between the US Department of Agriculture and American Black farmers, many of whom had suffered decades of discrimination. The NAACP enthusiastically supported this legislation as this case had festered for years and too many black farmers lost their livelihoods, their farms, and too often their lives awaiting resolution.

On November 30, by a vote of 256 to 152, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill to appropriate the \$1.25 billion necessary to fund the Pigford II settlement between Black farmers and the U.S. government. Specifi-

cally, this bill will fund the settlement announced in February of this year between the US Department of Agriculture and the US Department of Justice and as many as 70,000 African American farmers, many of whom suffered blatant racial discrimination at the hands of the U.S. Department of Agriculture for decades, with cash damage awards and debt relief. Special thanks goes to House Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader Hoyer, and House Whip Clyburn for their leadership in ushering this crucial legislation through passage for a third time.■

Senate Adjourns Without Voting on Critical Judicial Nominations

December 22, 2010 - The Senate headed toward adjournment having voted to confirm only 19 of the 38 judicial nominations pending on the Senate floor. The other 19 nominations fell victim to a two-year campaign of obstruction by Republican senators that prevented even the most noncontroversial nominees from getting an up-or-down confirmation vote on the Senate floor.

Only 60 of President Obama's nominees to the lower federal courts were confirmed during his first two years in office. That's substantially lower than the 100 confirmations for President George W. Bush and 126 for President Clinton during their first two years in office.

"Courtrooms without judges are simply incapable of dispensing justice," said Wade Henderson, president and CEO of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights.

The NAACP is especially troubled by the number of highly qualified women and minority nominees who have been denied confirmation votes during the 110th Congress."

Goodwin Liu, nominated to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, and district court nominees, Edward Chen of California and Louis Butler of Wisconsin, were nominees approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee but denied confirmation votes on the Senate floor. We urge the White House to re-nominate them and other unsuccessful nominees in the 111th Congress.■



The Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II highlights NAACP Freedom Fund luncheon

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By John Matthews
The Gazette



With a theme of "NAACP: One Nation, One Dream," the NAACP's Goose Creek Branch celebrated its Sixth Freedom Fund anniversary with a luncheon on June 12 at Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church in North Charleston.

The branch held a luncheon this year in place of the traditional evening banquet. The theme of the event reflects the organization's focus, Goose Creek NAACP President Brenda Bines said.

"We are all part of the same organization and all have the same dream of freedom, equality, and justice for all people," she said. The keynote speaker was the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, president of the North Carolina State Conference of NAACP Branches.

Barber is a member of the NAACP National Board of Directors and pastor of Greenleaf Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), in Greensboro, NC. He is also a board member of the North Carolina Justice Center, and chairperson of the Rebuilding Broken Places Community Development Corporation.

Barber's message – "In Times Like These," – emphasized that the NAACP is not a social organization but a Civil Rights advocacy organization. He went on to discuss the historic achievements of the NAACP in the past century.

Bishop Johnie Johnson Sr., pastor of Calvary

Church of God In Christ in Goose Creek, received this year's Faith Based Community Service Award.



His daughter, Havella McGee, received the award on his behalf.

Master Sergeant Letty J. Clay received the 2010 Community Service Award for her work with children at risk and her ministry to women incarcerated.



"I was humbled to be honored," Clay said. "Rev. Dr. Barber was dynamic, and I only wish that there were more people who would've come out to be a part and to hear all of the enlightening and pertinent things that were discussed and touched on during the luncheon"



the causes of the NAACP.

Melodic and inspirational music was provided by keyboardist Kendrick Brown, a talented 17-year-old, rising senior at Stratford High School and the Combined Choir of New Grove Hall Christian Church.

Former President Andrea Glover Matthews said the Goose Creek NAACP is continuing to grow. "Our members are active in the com-

munity and work very hard make things better for everyone," she said. "While the Goose Creek Branch is only seven years old we are faithfully serving the community carrying out the mission of advocating for political, educational, social, and economic quality of the rights of all citizens, as well as eradicating racial injustice."

National and State NAACP leaders in attendance included South Carolina NAACP President Dr. Lonnie Randolph, Florence NAACP President and National Board Member Madie Robinson, and Charleston NAACP President Dot Scott.

Also in attendance was Berkeley County Councilman Bob Call. Rep. Joseph H. Jefferson was the master of ceremonies. ■



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2010 Freedom Fund Photos





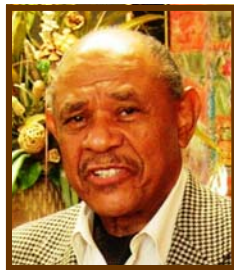
The Goose Creek Branch mourns the loss of two charter members

It saddens us to report that we lost two charter members in 2010, Earl Fleming, Sr. and Alphonso Smalls, Sr.

Both were charter members of the NAACP Goose Creek branch and active participants in branch activities.

Mr. Fleming was recognized on March 1, 2010 when the branch extended Black History Month for a day to honor WWII veterans.

Mr. Fleming could always be counted on to participate branch events and was a winner in our Real Men Cook fund raiser. Earl passed away on November 16, 2010, he was 85.



Earl Fleming, Sr.

There wasn't a local funeral or memorial service.

His funeral was Friday December 3, 2010 at Chapel of the Chimes in Oakland, California.

Mr. Alphonso Smalls, Sr. went home to The Lord on Monday July 19, 2010. 'Ally', as he was often called was 60 years old. Ally was a faithful supporter of branch activities. He didn't attend a lot of meetings but always said yes when his help was needed.



Alphonso Smalls, Sr



Janie Stevens

Another charter member, David Stevens, Jr. lost his wife Janie Stevens on October 31, 2010 after her long battle with illness.

The NAACP Goose Creek branch mourns all the losses suffered by branch members and has these families in our prayers. NAACP branch members will be remembered at the Los Angeles NAACP 2011 National Convention memorial service.■



Special Message for the Season from

REV. DR. WILLIAM J. BARBER, II
NC NAACP STATE CONFERENCE

PRESIDENT & NAACP NATIONAL BOARD MEMBER

During the Christmas Season it is customary to say "Have a Merry Christmas." I want to ask you this year to also have a *reflective* Christmas. Jesus was born to be a revolutionary for truth, justice and love. One writer says, there was a battle at Bethlehem. God entered the world among the poor and oppressed signaling divine discontent and the establishment of a non-violent way that would forever challenge systems of oppression and injustice in the earth.



Six hundred years before Jesus was born, Isaiah prophesied in the 42nd chapter that *God's servant would bring light into darkness and justice to all the nations.* During this season, let us reflect on this, restore ourselves, fellowship with families and friends, and then return to the call of our time and be true to ourselves. And as an organization, be an instrument of justice until we can lift every voice and sing that *justice has indeed rolled down like water and righteousness has become an ever flowing stream.*



NAACP
LOS ANGELES BRANCH
Making The Difference In Our Community

City of Los Angeles to host NAACP 2011 Conference July 23 - 28, 2011 Hosted by the Los Angeles NAACP Leon Jenkins, President



"The Los Angeles Branch is pleased that the NAACP selected our city to host the 102nd Convention and we are excited to host members from across the country," said NAACP Los Angeles Branch President Leon Jenkins. "This is a major win for Los Angeles and we look forward to working with the NAACP and showing them the best that this world-class city has to offer."

"The NAACP is proud to bring our 102nd Annual Convention to Los Angeles," stated NAACP Chairman Roslyn M. Brock. "We look forward to continuing the discussion on Civil Rights in this country in LA and invite all NAACP members, Californians, and Americans to join us."

"Los Angeles is a great city and the NAACP is excited to bring our 102nd Convention to the City of Angels," added NAACP President and CEO Benjamin Todd Jealous. "Los Angeles is a cutting edge city, and what happens in LA sets the tone for the country. We can think of no better city to host our convention."



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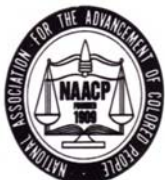
2011 Upcoming Events

- Jan 3 7 PM Goose Creek Branch Meeting
New Officers Sworn In
- Jan 17 King Day at the Dome
- Feb 7 Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
- Feb 7 7 PM Goose Creek Branch Meeting
- Feb 19 Free Practice PSAT at G.C. High School

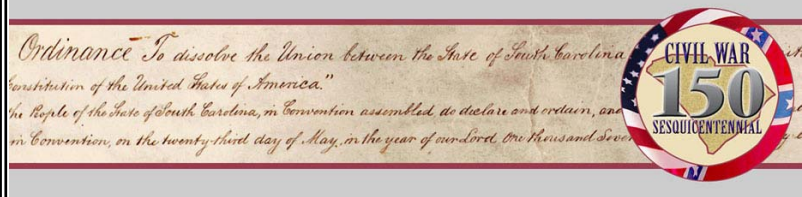
FIVE REASONS TO JOIN THE NAACP

1. The fight for freedom is not free! Your membership will help fund initiatives and programs to support our mission of racial equality and equal justice
2. A membership in the NAACP is your opportunity to give back to the organization that has done more to change this country for the betterment of people of color, women, and the disenfranchised than any other in the nation's history
3. Your membership in the NAACP makes you a part of a force of 300,000 people who stand for the freedoms guaranteed in our nation's constitution
4. Your membership in the NAACP makes a direct and positive impact in your community when you join your local Unit
5. Your membership in the NAACP will give you access to our upcoming benefits program that provides discounts on products and services across the country

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Why did Americans take up arms against one another in the bloodiest war the nation has ever experienced? What role did African Americans play in the outcome of the war? What have been the long term implications of this massive struggle? The approaching 150th Anniversary of the American Civil War (2011-2015) offers the current generation of Americans a most important opportunity to know, discuss, and commemorate this country's greatest national crisis, while at the same time exploring its enduring relevance in the 21st century.

South Carolina's Civil War Sesquicentennial Events

[Civil War - Global Conflict conference](#) - The College of Charleston hosts this conference to consider the Civil War as an event of global significance. (March 3-5, 2011)

Battle of Charleston - Legare Farms, John's Island, Charleston, SC (March 25-27, 2011)

[National Council for History Education Conference](#) - Charleston, SC: The Causes and Consequences of Civil Wars (March 31-April 2, 2011)

[April 2011 Seminar: "Why they Fought"](#) - sponsored by the Low Country Sesquicentennial Coordinating Committee (April 9 - 12, 2011 - Location yet to be determined)

[April 12, 2011 - First Shot Commemoration Ceremony](#): Sponsored by the Town of James Island. – Fort Johnson, James Island, SC) For further information please contact Doug Bostick at dbostick@knology.net.

[Jews, Slavery, and the Civil War conference](#) - The College of Charleston host this conference to discuss the Jewish experiences on the home front and during Reconstruction. (May 25-26, 2011)

Please see additional events and seminars at Fort Sumter-Fort Moultrie Historical Trust (www.fortsumtertrust.org and South Carolina Sesquicentennial of the Civil War (www.sccivilwar.org).

Learn more about the Sesquicentennial
and other Civil War Commemorations

<http://sc150civilwar.palmettohistory.org/events.htm>

Fort Sumter National Monument: <http://www.nps.gov/fosu/>

Charles Pinckney National Historic Site: <http://www.nps.gov/chpi/>