



## As Brock assumes NAACP chair, she makes history

By Richard McIntire



Roslyn Brock, Chair  
NAACP National  
Board of Directors

*On Saturday, February 20th, Roslyn Brock became the youngest person to ever serve as Chairman of the NAACP Board of Directors.*

Roslyn Brock was elected to lead the National Board of Directors of the nation's most recognized and successful civil rights organization, the NAACP.

Brock, 44 of Elkridge, MD is the youngest NAACP Chair ever chosen and assumes the duties from civil rights era veteran Julian Bond who held the chairmanship since 1998.

A highly qualified candidate, Brock's NAACP resumé boasts more than 25 years of service to the association in many capacities, including as a youth board member, Youth and College State Conference President, board member, and Vice Chair to the Board of Directors.

"As the NAACP ushers in a new generation, it is a great honor to be elected Chairman of the Board of this esteemed Association," Brock said. "We are blessed with the opportunity to lead the fight for civil and human rights into another century, and I am honored to help the NAACP issue the clarion call while ensuring the future legacy of this great organization."

Brock created and hosts the annual NAACP Leadership 500 Summit, and has continually served as chair of the association's annual convention planning committee that is held in a different city each summer.

"The NAACP's purpose and role in shaping

the discussion around civil rights is very important to me," she said. "The NAACP started as interracial organization that believed in casting a broader net. We not only believe in equal opportunity, justice and dignity for all American, we fight for it every day, in communities nationwide. No other organization does what the NAACP does to safeguard the tenets of freedom and justice in our country. And that's what makes the NAACP so critical to the preservation of civil rights in this country."

To learn more about Brock and gain more of her perspective on the NAACP, visit [www.naacp.org](http://www.naacp.org)

A magna cum laude graduate of Virginia Union University, Brock earned a master's degree in health services administration from George Washington University and her MBA from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. She serves as Vice President at Bon Secours Health Care in Mariottsville. Most recently, she earned a Master of Divinity degree from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Theology at Virginia Union University.

"The time has come for me to step down as Chairman of the Board and I cannot think of a better person to pass the torch to," Bond said. "Ms. Brock understands first-hand how important youth are to the success of the NAACP. She represents the next generation of civil rights leaders."

"I have enjoyed my time as Chairman of the Board and the people with whom I have worked with over the past decade," concluded Bond. "I will continue to treasure this as a singular experience and continue to be active in the NAACP as a member of the National Board of Directors."

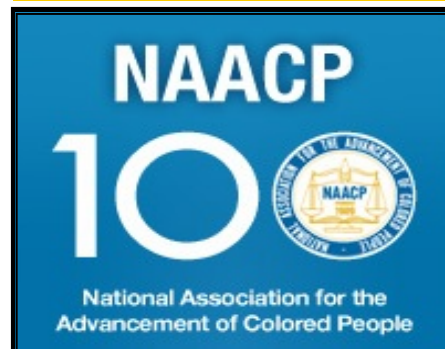
Brock, along with NAACP President & CEO Benjamin Todd Jealous, represent the youngest national leadership the entity has experienced in its 101 year history.

Brock is the fourth woman to serve as chair of the NAACP's National Board of Directors. "You must nurture your leaders for tomorrow and at some point let them move forward," noted NAACP Chair Emeritus Myrlie Evers-Williams, widow of slain Mississippi NAACP Field Secretary Medgar Evers

Brock, a native of Florida, was elevated to the position at the NAACP's Annual Board Meeting in New York.

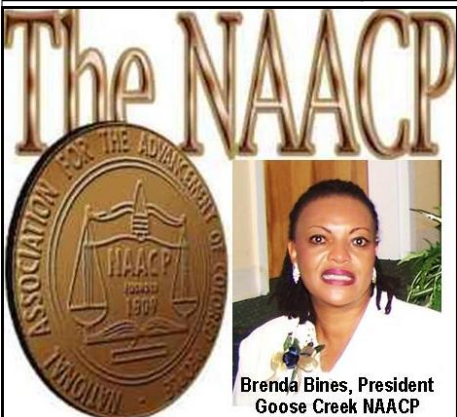
The NAACP is headquartered in west Baltimore. ■

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Brenda Bines, President  
Goose Creek NAACP

## 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 May 3, 2010 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM General Meeting

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Andrea Glover	Eyamba Williams



## SAVE THE DATE!

GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA  
NAACP BRANCH

2010 Freedom Fund Luncheon

# 6TH Annual Freedom Fund Gala

12:30 PM

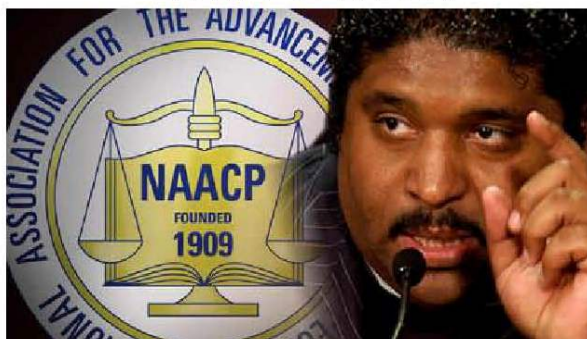
Saturday June 12th, 2010

at

## Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church

Brenda Bines  
Goose Creek NAACP Branch President

### GUEST SPEAKER



Tickets are \$40

Tables are \$400

**The Reverend Dr. William J. Barber, II**  
Pastor Greenleaf Christian Church  
President, North Carolina State Conference of the NAACP  
National Board Member of the NAACP  
Board Member of the NC Justice Center

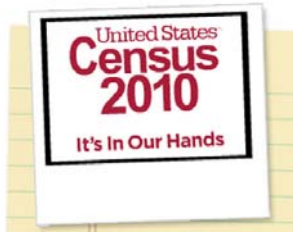
For Tickets and More Information Call 843-870-4225 or 843-442-1319

"You can kill a man but you can't kill an idea"

Myrlie Evers

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## March Is Census Awareness Month

The count begins April 1, 2010, but forms will be mailed to households in March. Counting every person in the United States is incredibly difficult. Despite the Census Bureau's best efforts, some households are missed by the count; some households are counted more than once; and still others respond with incorrect information.

**Take Action Now:** The 2010 census forms will soon be arriving in the mail. Be sure to tell your family and friends to fill out their forms and mail them back to ensure your community receives much-needed federal funding.

As the Census Bureau gears up to conduct the 2010 census, Rep. Silvestre Reyes, D. Texas, has introduced a resolution that designates March 2010 as Census Awareness Month to encourage all people in the United States to participate so that the decennial count is fair and accurate.

The resolution "urges state, local, county, and tribal governments as well as other organizations to emphasize the importance of the 2010 Census and actively encourage all individuals to participate" because a fair and accurate census count is "vital to the well-being of our communities."

If every member of your community is not counted in the census, we all lose. Each person who doesn't get counted could cost the community more than \$14,000 in urgently needed resources over the next 10 years. In the 2000 census, nearly 16 million people went uncounted. Most of the people not counted came from low-income and minority populations.

In addition to allocating funds, the census affects your voice in Congress. Census data is used to adjust the number of districts per state and the number of representatives your state has in Congress. Imagine what a powerful, positive impact we can have by making sure that each person in our families, neighborhoods, and communities is counted!

**Be sure to tell your family and friends to fill out their census forms and mail them back. Make sure you and your community count.**

To take a look at a sample census form go online to: <http://www.civilrights.org/census/form/how-to-fill-out-the-census.html>.

To read about the census and your privacy go online to: <http://www.civilrights.org/archives/2010/03/906-census-confidentiality.html>.

**Census Bureau Call Center: 301-763-INFO (4636) or 800-923-8282**

*When families do not participate in the census, it means their communities lose access to money, resources and power. Together, we can make sure all Americans count.*



*Introducing the new Chairman of the NAACP National Board of Directors*

Dear NAACP Members and Supporters:

I am pleased to introduce myself to you as the new Chairman of the Board for the NAACP. As the NAACP begins its second century of advocacy, I feel the deep responsibility to put forward a civil and human rights agenda for the years ahead.

I'm proud to be a part of a younger generation, along with President and CEO Benjamin Jealous, that is taking on the leadership responsibilities of the NAACP. I'm also proud that I've been a part of the NAACP for 25 years, as a youth board member, Youth and College State Conference President, board member, and Vice Chair of the Board of Directors.

The NAACP is, and always has been, a multiracial, multiethnic organization. When we talk about people of color, we are speaking of those people who have fallen through the cracks — those who have been left out of prosperous society. The agenda of the Association is to eliminate the disparities that prevent all Americans from achieving the "American Dream." The NAACP will continue to champion civil and human rights issues that affect all Americans and, in particular, those which disproportionately affect communities of color.



Roslyn M. Brock, the new Chairman of the NAACP Board

**Education:** The future of our families and our country demands that we invest in an educational system in which every American has access to safe, accountable and effective schools.

**Criminal Justice:** The crisis of over-incarceration in this country is not only deeply unjust — it has been deeply unsuccessful. We must develop smarter strategies to keep our communities safe.

**Health Care:** Health care is a human right, and the NAACP will continue to fight for meaningful health care reform that benefits all Americans.

**Economic Empowerment:** We must help President Obama steer our nation back into economic health, and ensure that all Americans enjoy the benefits of living in a prosperous nation.

**Civic Engagement:** Engaged communities are safe and prosperous communities. Only an informed, empowered citizenry can bring stability and prosperity back to our communities.

As we advance these goals, we must also ensure that our policies, programs and politics remain relevant for a new generation of civil rights and human rights advocates. President Benjamin Jealous and I will prioritize the work of expanding our youth networks.

At the same time, we can never forget those who came before us. Chairman Emeritus Julian Bond and Myrlie Evers-Williams remain beacons in our struggle. Without the Bonds, the Evers, the Kings, and the Parks of the world, we would not be here, Barack Obama would not be president, and there would be no NAACP.

The future is calling and the NAACP is in a unique position to answer that call. With your help, we can build a better America together.

Sincerely,

Roslyn M. Brock

**Other National Board Officers:** Leon Russell is the Vice Chairman, Secretary is AQngela Ciccolo, General Counsel, Carolyn Coleman, Treasurer, Jessie Turner, Jr. Assistant Treasurer, Lenny Springs





### 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 Branch. The Health Committee of the Goose Creek 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;
- Advances increased research funding on African-American health issues; and supports health initiatives of the national NAACP.

### March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month Reduce Your Risk

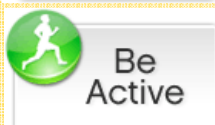
You can reduce your risk for cancer. It is one of the most preventable life-threatening diseases facing Americans today.

Research has shown that up to two-thirds of cancer deaths are caused by smoking, physical inactivity and poor diet choices. You can significantly reduce your risk for cancer by following these four simple steps:

- [Eat well](#)
- [Be active](#)
- [Don't smoke](#)
- [Get screened](#)

These steps are more than a call to action — they're the keys to leading a longer, healthier life. Learn these easy steps and share these messages with family and friends — it's never too late to make [simple lifestyle changes](#) that can save your life.

To learn more go online to  
<http://www.preventcancer.org/>



### Closing the Gap in Health Care



(March is also Kidney Month)

### Misguided Information About Kidney Disease

I am hoping that 2010 will be the decade that records significant improvement in the health literacy of African Americans. In order for that to happen we have to make a conscious effort to become more informed about health issues allowing us to make good decisions that will improve our quality and longevity of life. Recently a friend told me that he is currently on dialysis because "the blood pressure medicine caused my kidneys to fail." This is not correct. Blood pressure medicines are taken to keep your kidneys and heart working properly to avoid having a stroke. Unfortunately I hear this kind of story too often. This kind of misguided information is one of the major reasons why African Americans are on long-term dialysis in record numbers. Control of your blood pressure, diabetes, and even sleep apnea is essential to keep this from happening. Keep in mind that blood pressure and diabetes must remain under control. Talk to your physician about target numbers that must be reached and maintained so you can live a good quality of life.

To Find Out More Health Info and General Information about Closing the Gap in Health Care, Inc. Email us at: [info@closingthegapinhealthcare.com](mailto:info@closingthegapinhealthcare.com)

I am Dr. Thaddeus John Bell closing the gap in health disparities for African Americans and the undeserved.

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### Fitness Seminar For Kids

*Come Get Fit and Have Fun!*

When: March 20, 2010 - 7:30am

Where: Charleston Southern University - Football Field/Track

Cost: FREE

What to Bring: A positive attitude, lots of energy, athletic gear.

Lunch Will Be Provided

Register online at: <http://www.closingthegapinhealthcare.org/>

### Calling All Volunteers

If you'd like to help from 7am-2pm please email us at [info@closingthegapinhealthcare.com](mailto:info@closingthegapinhealthcare.com)



# Goose Creek NAACP EXTENDS BLACK HISTORY MONTH to SALUTE VETERANS

With a Special U. S. Postal Service Stamp Unveiling  
Honoring Pearl Harbor Hero

# DORIE MILLER



On December 7, 1941, during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Mess Attendant Doris "Dorie" Miller came to the aid of his shipmates on the *U.S.S. West Virginia*, helping to move the injured out of harm's way, including the mortally wounded captain. Though untrained in its use, Miller also manned an antiaircraft machine gun, downing several Japanese planes before being ordered to abandon the sinking ship. Miller's courage and devotion to duty at Pearl Harbor earned him the Navy Cross, the first ever awarded to an African American sailor. This honor is even greater in light of the fact African Americans were only allowed to serve in the messman's branch of the Navy at the time. Though later killed in action in 1943, Miller's legacy of bravery in the face of great danger and discrimination lives on.

7PM Monday March 1, 2010  
at  
Abraham Ancient Square Masonic Building  
206 Liberty Hall Road  
Goose Creek, SC 29445





# March 1, 2010 BLACK HISTORY MONTH EXTENDED A DAY IN GOOSE CREEK, SC to Honor World War II Veterans and Unveil the Dorie Miller Distinguished Sailor Stamp in Goose Creek, SC



3 Goose Creek NAACP Founding Branch Members were among the World War II Veterans honored at the well attended event. They were Mr. Earl Fleming, Sr. (L), Mr. Samuel Jefferson (C), and Bishop Johnnie Johnson (R).



Honored veterans holding certificates from left to right are: Bishop Johnnie Johnson, Mr. Samuel Jefferson, Mr. Earl Fleming, Sr., Ken Harris is holding the award for Mr. Richard Hightower, Mr. Julian Snype, Mr. Albert Seward, and Capt. Wilton Stewart, USN, Ret. is holding award for his dad, Mr. Richard Stewart.



*We celebrate our WW II Veterans and remember WW II hero Dorie Miller*

“The Tuskegee Airmen and other Black World War II veterans set the stage for the epic civil rights battles of the 1950s and 1960s, not only by serving their country, but by defying institutionalized racism and segregation in the military and demanding treatment equal to that enjoyed by whites. In addition, their valiant, patriotic and heroic service gave White armed forces personnel and the world a view of African Americans they had never seen or imagined. Our World War II veterans blazed a trail for civil rights that led to civil rights victories to include the first African American Governor and U.S. Senator since Reconstruction, The list goes on to include the first African American Supreme Court Justice, the first African American Nobel Peace Prize winner, Secretary of State, and the first African American U.S. President. We owe a lot to our WW II Veterans and we are pleased and excited to extend Black History Month to honor them and their awesome legacy.”

Brenda Bines, President Goose Creek NAACP





## Great Gathering of Black Methodists in Columbia did not end NAACP boycott



MARCH 1st - 3rd, 2010 - COLUMBIA, SC

The NAACP economic boycott of South Carolina remains in force, despite comments to the contrary. The NAACP imposed the boycott in 2000 when lawmakers declined to remove the Confederate flag from the grounds of the state capitol.

SC State Senator Robert Ford from Charleston stated that the NAACP boycott of South Carolina was over.

Black clergymen representing more than 5-million members of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME), African Methodist Episcopal Zion (AMEZ), and Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (CME) have been met in Columbia, South Carolina for a religious conference dubbed "The Great Gathering."

"Now that you have these powerful black churches coming here, I think it means the boycott is over, and I think that's good news for South Carolinians," Ford said.

**The Great Gathering Leaders and the NAACP say the boycott is not over.**



AME Bishop John Bryant, left; CME Bishop William Hoyt, AMEZ Bishop George Walker Sr. and NAACP Vice President of Stakeholder Relations, the Rev. Nelson Rivers III.

The Rev. Staccato Powell, chairman of the Great Gathering, said that "Ford speaks neither for the NAACP nor the Black Methodist churches," and that the senator was attempting to capture media attention. "We cannot afford to be distracted or divided."



The Rev. Powell said, "It is despicable that a symbol of racism still sits on the grounds of the capital of South Carolina and we will not rest until it is removed."

He added in other statements, "Our presence here is not in confrontation but in solidarity and we speak with a united voice with the NAACP."

"The only people who can abolish the boycott are those on the national board in Baltimore," said the Rev. Mickey James, president of the Myrtle Beach branch of the NAACP.

The Rev. Joseph Darby, vice president of the Charleston NAACP chapter says Ford is not active in the Charleston NAACP.

The Rev. Nelson B. Rivers III, the NAACP's vice president for stakeholder relations and pastor of Charity Missionary Baptist Church in North Charleston, made an appearance at the conference to clarify the matter.

Speaking to the Great Gathering Rivers said, "I'm here to set the record straight. Our sanctions are ongoing....If you want to know if the sanctions are over there's a real simple test: when the flag comes down our sanctions stop."

"That flag represents tyranny, treason, hatred and the oppression of my people and I will die before I give up on tearing it down," he added to a thundering applause.

Rivers repeated the NAACP's request to avoid doing business in the state, but he acknowledged that the meeting, which was initially scheduled to be held in Dallas, was too important to cancel.

"We support what you do," he told the crowd of more than 2,000, "but don't come back to South Carolina until that flag comes down!"

Rivers said the NAACP has been in discussions with conference organizers for weeks, trying to arrange an alternative to Columbia ever since it became clear that a conflict prevented the meeting from being held in Dallas.

**AME Senior Bishop John R. Bryant said. "We are part of a community" and will continue to be one of the NAACP's main supporters.**

**Church officials justified their decision to carry on the conference in the state in three ways:**

- The practical argument was that, without the Dallas option, there was no other choice.
- The theological argument was that these churches already are present in the state and ministering to residents.
- The political argument was that racism and division in the state are profound and the church must be where the problems are to confront them head on.

Darby says the NAACP doesn't criticize churches for gathering in South Carolina because churches often need to hold meetings as close to home as possible, and the boycott is voluntary.

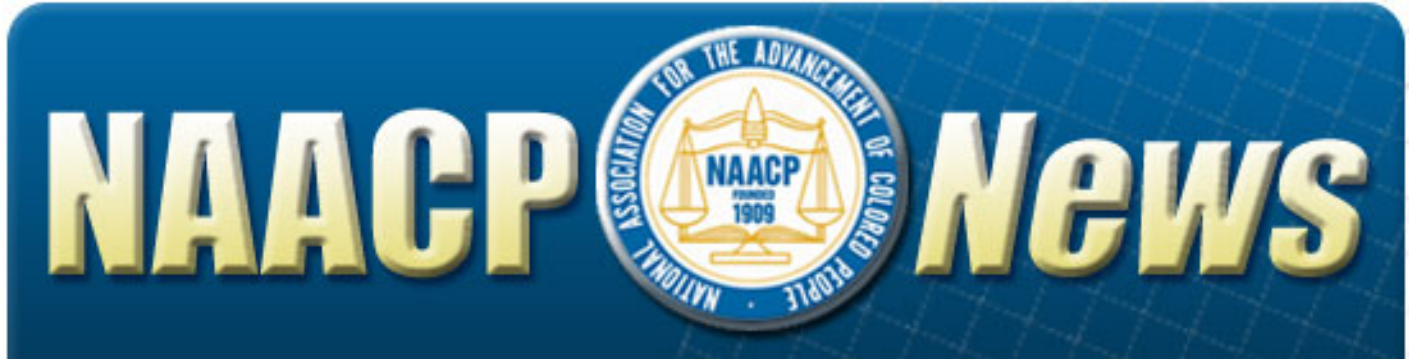
"So there would be no criticism of the gathering of Methodists because it would be a voluntary thing," said Darby.

Speakers at the three-day summit included Marian Wright Eldeman of the Children's Defense Fund, Princeton Professor Cornel West, and author Jawanza Kunjufu and Joshua DuBois, director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

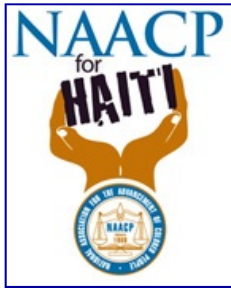
Participants made a commitment to invest in the lives and future of young African American males between the ages of 5-25. They even released a 28-page document, giving an overview of their strategy to address problems facing the young men.■

For more information on the Great Gathering go to:

<http://www.greatgathering.org>



### Help Haiti



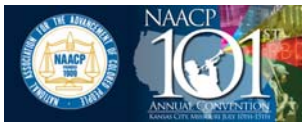
The earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12, 2010, devastated the already struggling island nation. Like most people of the world, the heartfelt thoughts and prayers of the NAACP go out to all those living in Haiti and with family, friends or loved ones who may have been in Haiti when the earthquake struck. The NAACP has historically had a special relationship with the people of Haiti, and we are committed to doing whatever we

can to support them during this crisis. Please join us. [Go to www.naacp.org](http://www.naacp.org) to:

- Learn more about the NAACP for Haiti Fund
- Donate today
- Sign up for alerts

*Spread the Word – Tell at least three friends about the NAACP Haiti Fund*

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**NAACP 101st Annual Convention**  
**Saturday, July 10 to Thursday, July 15**  
**at the Kansas City Convention Center**  
**Kansas City, Missouri**

See Page 12 and go online to [www.naacp.org](http://www.naacp.org) for more information or contact secretary

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### Save our African American Treasures

The National Museum of African American History and Culture is working to collect artifacts that preserve our history through a "national collections initiative." For more information about this effort, as well as to add your family's story to the museum's Memory Book, go to: <http://nmaahc.si.edu/section/collections/view/100>

### NAACP LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC. (LDF)

#### Sentencing Disparities

March 12, 2010

LDF Statement Regarding Senate Judiciary Committee Action on Crack/Powder Cocaine Sentencing Disparity

We are deeply troubled by the action of the Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday refusing to eliminate the unjustified, discriminatory sentencing disparity between the powder and crack forms of cocaine. Acknowledging that (1) there is no justification whatsoever for the disparity in sentencing between powder and crack cocaine adopted by Congress twenty-four years ago and (2) the disparity has a devastating disparate impact on African Americans, the Committee chose to merely reduce the problem – not solve it.

There is no serious dispute that the crack/powder disparity needs to be eliminated. There is equally powerful political support for fixing the problem now.

- The United States Sentencing Commission concluded that eliminating the 100:1 sentencing disparity would do more to reduce the sentencing gap between blacks and whites "than any other single policy change" and would "dramatically improve the fairness of the federal sentencing system.
- As a candidate, President Obama called for elimination of the disparity stating: "the disparity between crack and powder-based cocaine is wrong, cannot be justified and should be eliminated."
- Attorney General Eric Holder has stated that "[t]his Administration firmly believes that the disparity in crack and powder cocaine sentences is unwarranted, creates a perception of unfairness, and must be eliminated."
- Lanny Bruer, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division testified that "we cannot ignore the mounting evidence that the current cocaine sentencing disparity is difficult to justify based on the facts and science. . . [t]he Administration believes

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Congress's goal should be to completely eliminate the sentencing disparity between crack cocaine and powder cocaine."

- The House of Representatives Judiciary Committee reported legislation to completely eliminate the disparity between powder and crack cocaine, H.R 3245, which awaits consideration by the full House.
- Federal Judges appointed by Republicans and who served in Republican Administrations have called for an end to the disparity.
- Judge Reggie B. Walton- Associate Director of the Office of Drug Control Policy under President George H.W. Bush and appointed by President George W. Bush to the Federal Bench, testified about "the agony of having to enforce a law that one believes is fundamentally unfair and disproportionately impacts individuals who look like me."
- Judge Michael McConnell of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, who was nominated to that position by President George W. Bush and who served in the Department of Justice during the Regan Administration, has called the federal crack cocaine laws "virtually indefensible."

Admittedly, the Committee's reported legislation is an improvement over current law. We also acknowledge that proponents of reform supported this action only because they believed it was the only way to achieve some progress. But one thing remains clear: compromise means continued discrimination.■

### Civil Rights Coalition Welcomes Pledge to Renew Enforcement of Federal Civil Rights Laws in Education

March 8, 2010 - Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and Assistant Secretary Russlynn Ali announced plans for reinvigorated enforcement of federal civil rights laws in school districts and colleges to ensure that every child has an equal opportunity to learn.

The Department of Education plans to issue new guidance to school districts and colleges clarifying their responsibilities for equal treatment of all students, regardless of race, gender, or disability, and to launch in-depth compliance reviews of 32 districts and six colleges to ensure that all students have access to a quality education.

In support of this announcement, leaders of eight national civil rights groups released the following statements:



"In *Brown v. Board of Education*, the Supreme Court affirmed the right of all children to equal educational opportunities. Sadly, over 50 years later, too many states and school districts continue to tolerate chronically failing schools that deny a quality education to too many children. Quality education is a fundamental civil and human right. When states and districts perpetuate a system of unequal resources and programs, federal leadership that includes vigorous enforcement of civil rights laws is essential." – **Wade Henderson**, President and CEO of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights.□



"We commend the Department of Education for revitalizing efforts to enforce landmark civil rights laws, including Title IX, which has had far-reaching benefits for all students. Promoting equity and fairness in our schools is not only the right thing to do but is also necessary to drive our country's economy forward." – **Marcia Greenberger**, co-President of the National Women's Law Center.□



"We welcome a reinvigorated approach to enforcement of the civil rights of students with disabilities. In this year when we mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, there is a real opportunity to raise the bar to ensure that students with disabilities receive the services and supports that they need to achieve their full potential." – **Andrew J. Imparato**, President CEO of the American Association of People with Disabilities.□

"We are pleased to have the federal govern-



ment as a partner again in securing a high quality education as every child's civil right. Returning to rigorous enforcement and clear guidance about laws already on the books is the first step toward ensuring that every child receives an equitable, high-quality, inclusive education." – **Benjamin Todd Jealous**, President and CEO of the NAACP.□



"NCLR welcomes the Administration's efforts to ensure that every child is provided equitable educational opportunities. Enforcement of civil rights laws is a critical element of this strategy, and one that has been absent for too long." – **Janet Murguía**, President and CEO of the National Council of La Raza.□



"Today's announcement is a good first step in the Administration's effort to overhaul our education system and improve opportunities for minorities. We must ensure that all children have access to a quality education, and we applaud Secretary Duncan for making civil rights enforcement a top priority for the Department of Education." – **Karen Narasaki**, President and Executive Director of the Asian American Justice Center.□



"We applaud the Department of Education's renewed commitment and demand that schools and universities serve all children, regardless of background or circumstance." – **John Payton**, President and Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.□



"Given how critical Latino and African American youth are to our future, closing the achievement gap is our nation's most important education goal. Reinvigorated federal enforcement of civil rights in our schools, like that announced today, is an essential step toward beginning to achieve that goal." – **Thomas A. Saenz**, President and General Counsel of the Mexican American Legal Defense & Educational Fund.■



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## NAACP CREEK CONNECTION

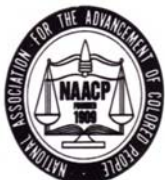
### 2010 Upcoming Events

- Mar 1 7 PM Goose Creek Branch Meeting  
Salute to WW II Veterans
- Mar 21 11AM - Executive Committee Meeting  
At My Place on Cypress Garden Rd
- Mar 27 Colleton County NAACP Freedom  
Fund Gala - Dr. Bell is Guest Speaker
- Apr 5 Regular Monthly Meeting Cancelled
- Jun 12 12:30 PM 2010 Goose Creek Freedom  
Fund Gala at Mt. Moriah Baptist  
Church - North Charleston
- Jun 12 Ridgeville NAACP Freedom Fund
- Jul 10-15 101st NAACP Annual Convention  
Kansas City, Missouri
- TBA Goose Creek Unity Day Aug
- TBA Goose Creek Real Men Cook

### 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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The 101st Annual Convention is scheduled for Saturday, July 10 to Thursday, July 15 at the Kansas City Convention Center, Kansas City, Missouri. **The official convention hotels are: Crown Plaza, Marriott Downtown, Westin Hotel, and Aladdin Hotel.**

**The Youth, ACT-SO and adult hotel will be the Marriott Downtown.**

#### NEW HOTEL PROCEDURE

Due to the high rate of cancellations and no shows and given the fact that when attendees cancel 72 hours in advance, the rooms revert back to the National Office, we have instituted a new hotel reservation policy.

All guests must guarantee reservations by making a deposit equivalent to the room rate for two nights, including applicable taxes then in effect. The deposits for one of the two nights shall be non-refundable and shall be credited to the NAACP account if a guest cancels their reservation 72 hours prior to the day of arrival. Credit cards used for the deposits shall be charged immediately.

**As in the past, requests for hotel suites must be submitted to the National Office, attention Events Planning Department or faxed to 410-764-7742.**

Please include current credit card information for this process or mail a check along with your request. Do not forget to include your arrival and departure dates. ■