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DEDICATION CELEBRATION
EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

JULY 20, 2008

3:00 P.M.

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“From Struggle to Triumph to Tomorrow”

MODERATOR:

Janice E. Hale, Ph.D., Professor of Early Childhood Education and Founding Director of the Institute for the Study of the African-American Child, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan

PANELISTS:

Edward Ayers, Ph.D., President, University of Richmond; Champion for Diversity and Inclusion

Billy K. Cannaday, Ed.D., Virginia State Superintendent of Public Instruction; Educator

Nikki Giovanni, Acclaimed Poet/Distinguished Professor, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia and Honorary Co-Chair of the Virginia Civil Rights Memorial Dedication Celebration

Andrew Heidelberg, Member, Norfolk 17 and *Brown v. Board of Education* Scholarship Committee

Cheryl Brown Henderson, President and CEO, The Brown Foundation for Educational Equity, Excellence and Research; Daughter of the late Rev. Oliver L. Brown of *Brown v. Board of Education*

Cynthia Johnson, Prince Edward County High School English Teacher

Elaine Jones, J.D., Former President and Director-Counsel, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund

The Honorable Jerrauld Jones, Chief Judge, Norfolk Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court; Former Member, House of Delegates, Virginia General Assembly

Rita Moseley, Student during Prince Edward County School Closing; Secretary to the Principal, Prince Edward County High School; *Brown v. Board of Education* Scholarship Grantee and 2008 Graduate, St. Paul's College, Lawrenceville, Virginia

Martha Rollins, President & CEO, Boaz & Ruth; Award-Winning Crusader for Rehabilitation of Former Prisoners, Neighborhood Revitalization and Racial Understanding

Congressman Robert C. “Bobby” Scott, U.S. Representative, Third U.S. Congressional District; Champion for Social Justice

Walter S. Segaloff, Chairman & Founder; Achievable Dream Academy, Norfolk, Virginia; Former President and CEO, Virginia Specialty Stores, Inc.

John Stokes, Student Participant in the 1951 Robert Russa Moton School Protest and Plaintiff in *Davis v. County School Board of Prince Edward County*; Author and Lecturer; Retired Educator

Note: television footage may be taken

PROGRAM

3:00 p.m.

Introduction & Premiere of
"They Closed Our Schools"

Dramatic Reading by Nikki Giovanni

Introductory Remarks
Janice E. Hale, Ph.D.

Panel Discussion

Written Questions Submitted by Audience

Presentation of Student Awards
Sponsored by Rich Savage
The Savage Foundation &
Lacy Ward, Moton Museum

Closing Commentary

5:30 p.m.

Bon Secours "Champions for Change"
Reception and Book Signing

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

On April 23, 1951, 16-year-old Barbara Johns and several fellow students led a strike to protest the deplorable conditions at their racially segregated Prince Edward County school. The Rev. L. Francis Griffin united parents in support of the strike and encouraged the students to contact NAACP attorneys Oliver Hill, Sr. and Spottswood Robinson, III. The lawsuit that followed was brought before the U.S. Supreme Court and joined with four other cases as *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas* (1954), in which the Court ruled that racially separate educational systems are inherently unequal and unconstitutional. The Virginia Civil Rights Memorial is dedicated to these Virginians and countless others who courageously fought for the principles upon which the nation and this Commonwealth were founded.

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