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A Communication by Council President Robb Pitts

Appointing Ms. Rita Samuels to serve as a member of the Atlanta Commission on Women.

REFERRED BY APR 0 3 2000 CITY COUNCIL

Filed Without Objection

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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION

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April 3, 2000

The Honorable Able Mable Thomas
Chair, Committee on Council
Atlanta City Council
Atlanta, GA 30335

Dear Mable:

It is a pleasure for me to appoint Ms. Rita Samuels to serve as a member of the Atlanta Commission on Women. This appointment is scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation.

I am certain that Ms. Samuels will serve this commission with distinction.

I urge confirmation of this appointment.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robb".

Robb Pitts, President
Atlanta City Council

Georgia Coalition of Black Women, Inc.

From the Founder's Office

Rita Jackson Samuels

Biography

Rita Jackson Samuels has been involved with women's advocacy for over twenty years. She is the Founder and has served as Executive Director of the Georgia Coalition of Black Women, Inc., a women's advocacy training and development organization, since 1980. As Executive Director of the Georgia Coalition of Black Women, Inc., she is responsible for keeping the statewide organization viable. She has designed, developed and written several proposals, focused on leadership training and citizenship education for disadvantaged people in general and for women and girls in particular.

Rita Jackson Samuels was the first black female in Georgia's history to serve on the personal staff of a Georgia Governor. In 1971 she was then Governor Jimmy Carter's Coordinator of the Governor's Council on Human Relations. During Carter's term as Governor, he selected her to direct and coordinate the hanging of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s portrait in the State Capitol, as well as, Bishop Henry McNeal Turner and Mrs. Lucy Craft Laney. The first African Americans so honored by a Georgia Governor.

She worked as a consultant with the Carter White House staff in 1977 as well as with the Community Services Administration. In 1983, Mrs. Samuels served as Director of former Mayor Andrew Young's Office of Citizens & Community Affairs. She also served on the national board of an anti-poverty rural development agency.

As a Commissioner of the Georgia Commission on Women, which she is presently serving a four year term, she served two years as Chair. She has been recognized for her work on behalf of Georgia women. In 1983 she was selected by the *Macon Informer* as one of the fifty(50) most influential black women in Georgia. She has been awarded the key to several small-town cities, including her hometown of Forsyth, Georgia. Governor Joe Frank Harris appointed her to the State Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission, and the State Elections Board. She is a former staff and Board Member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and is presently a Board Member of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Child Development Center.

She attended Claflin University, Morris Brown College, Georgia State University and Dimery Business College which she successfully completed its course of Secretarial & Business Study.

She and her husband, Stanley Samuels, a developer, are members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA.