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04-C-1446

August 16, 2004

President Pro-Tempore Ceasar Mitchell and
Members of Atlanta City Council
City Hall, Suite 2900 South
68 Mitchell St., S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: Atlanta Fulton County Library Board of Trustees Appointment

Dear President Pro-Tempore Mitchell and Members of the Council:

It is a pleasure for me to appoint Dr. Delores B. Stephens to serve as a member of the Atlanta Fulton County Library Board of Trustees for the City of Atlanta as the Mayor's designee. This appointee shall serve on the Board of Trustees ex officio.

I am confident that Dr. Delores B. Stephens will serve the Atlanta Fulton County Library Board of Trustees with integrity and dedication.

Sincerely,

Shirley Franklin

E. DELORES B. STEPHENS
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH--2004

Since joining the faculty of the Morehouse College Department of English in 1964, Stephens has served in various positions—from director of the English Fundamentals Program to department chair—and on many College-wide committees, including faculty representative to the Board of Trustees, member of the Appointments, Promotions, and Tenure Committee, editor of the most recent report for SACS re-accreditation, chair of a search committee to select a senior administrator, the Task Force on Fraternities, the Honors Program Advisory Council, the Judiciary Committee and many others. Before resigning the chair in 2002, she was elected to and served a three-year term on the Executive Committee of the Association of Departments of English, a unit of the Modern Language Association. She served as assistant, then associate, editor of The Journal of Negro History. A charter member of Upsilon Nu Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society, she was recognized at its 2004 annual national convention for her fifteen-year service as its campus sponsor.

She was the top graduate in her class at Spelman College; during her tenure there she was selected to spend a year and summer in Europe as a Merrill Scholar and attended the University of London and Exeter University. Subsequently, she earned a master's degree at Atlanta University (thesis published by University of Kentucky Microfilm Series) and a doctor of philosophy in English from Emory University. She is a member of Delta of Georgia Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the College Language Association (CLA), the Langston Hughes Society, the Charles Chesnut Society (charter member), the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, the Modern Language Assoc., (MLA), the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC), the Southern Regional Honors Council (SRHC), and the National Association of African-American Honors Programs (NAAHP).

Among her publications are articles in In Praise of Our Teachers: A Multicultural Tribute to Those Who Inspired Us (Beacon Press, 2003), Callaloo: A Journal of African Diaspora Arts and Letters, Notable African-American Women, The Journal of Negro History, and Father Songs: Testimonies by African-American Sons and Daughters. She served as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee which authored the report, "The Undergraduate English Major," published in the ADE Bulletin, Spring-Fall 2003 for the Association of Department of English, a division of the Modern Language Association. She has presented papers at national conferences of CLA, NCHC, SRHC, NAAHP, and the International Conference on Caribbean Literature (Bermuda); she has served as a panelist or conference chair for CLA, NCTE, MLA, and Sigma Tau Delta.

Other professional activities include service as a proposal reviewer for the National Endowment for the Humanities (Wash., DC), as a participant in a Lily Endowment Summer Workshop, member of the Writing Advisory Committee for the New York University Summer Resource Network (as well as participant in two NYU summer seminars), as an Education Specialist in the U.S. Army Education Branch (FORSCOM), a professional speech writer, and as reader for Educational Testing Services' Advanced Placement and SAT Writing Examinations.

In addition to employment at Morehouse, she served as a Master Teacher and Director of Governmental Relations at Dillard University (during a hiatus from Morehouse) and on the faculty at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis during a sabbatical.

She is an active volunteer in the Atlanta community with such organizations as the United Way Community Investment Volunteers, Neighborhood Canvasser for the American Cancer Society, the Leukemia Society, the Diabetes Assoc., and the March of Dimes; Cool Girls, Inc., the Atlanta Community Food Bank, and the Cascade United Methodist Church Homeless Ministry; she is president (second term) of the Magnolia Chapter of The Links, Incorporated. She is also an auxiliary member of Lamplighters, a National Higher Education Roundtable, a member of the Johnetta Cole Society of the Metropolitan United Way and an alumna of its VIP Program.

She is married to Charles Richard Stephens, managing partner of Skystone Ryan, Inc., and is the mother of two daughters, and has two grandchildren.

Who's Who in the South and Southeast; International Who's Who of Women in Education; Outstanding Young Women in America; Univ. of Georgia Student Affairs Service Award; Golden Key Honor Society; Alpha Phi, Alpha Phi Alpha Educator of the Year Award; Merrill Scholars Study-Abroad Fellowship

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

College Language Association, National Council of Teachers of English; Modern Language Assoc.; Lamplighters Higher Education Roundtable; Langston Hughes Society; Charles Chesnut Society; Georgia Assoc. of Women in Education; National Collegiate Honors Council; Southern Regional Honors Council; Assoc. of African-American Honors Programs

OTHER

DILLARD: Self Study Steering Committee; Special Services Program Evaluator; Lily Endowment Proposal Committee; Participant, Lily Endowment Workshop, Colorado College; Master Teacher; Chief Writer, Mellon Proposal for Humanities (funded)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Almasa, United Way V.L.P. Program; United Way Community Investment Volunteer; Exec. Com., Assoc. of Depts. Of English, MLA; N.E. H. Proposal Reviewer, Washington, DC; Reader, E.T.S.—AP, SAT II; Nat'l Collegiate Honors Council Long-Range Planning Com/Teaching and Learning Com; Local Arrangements Com, OOO; Judge, Rectangle Submissions and Outstanding Chapter Awards for Sigma Tau Delta Annual Conventions; Copy Editor, Cascade United Methodist Church Anniversary Publications; Program and Planning Committees, Georgia Assoc. of Women Educators; Volunteer—National Black Arts Festival; Cascade UMC Homeless Ministry, Habitat for Humanity, Neighborhood Convener for March of Dimes, Leukemia Society, and Diabetes Assoc.; The Links, Inc. (Evaluation Com. for National Assemblies, Magnolia Chapter—President, Recording Secretary, Arts Chair); Local Arrangements Com, Shakespeare Assoc. of America; Local Arrangements for ASAHN Convention; Atlanta-wide University Committee on DuBois' Sojourn of Black Folk Centennial; Co-Chair, Univ. of Georgia Parents of Black Students Assoc.; Participant, ACE Summer Seminar on Assessment for Deans and Chairs

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/HONORS

Copy Editor, Blackwell Companion to African-American Studies; Member of 2001-2 Ad Hoc Committee—authors of report—“The Undergraduate English Major,” in APE Bulletin, Spring-Fall, 2003; Assoc. Editor, Journal of Negro History; Participant, Annual Meetings of The Lamplighters Higher Education Roundtable; Participant (Spouse), Leadership Georgia; Papers presented at Conventions of College Language Association, National Collegiate Honors Council, Southern Regional Honors Council, National Assoc. of African-American Honors Program, International Conference on Caribbean Literature, Morehouse-Spelman Honors Program Retreat, DeKalb College Suspense Symposium; Moderator/Panelist at Conferences of Sigma Tau Delta International, Clark-Atlanta Univ. Alpha Kappa Mu Honors Society Induction, Assoc. of Depts. Of English Summer Seminars, New York University Summer Faculty Resource Center Symposia; Speaker, Thomas Kilgore Retirement Banquet, Alton Hornsby JMI Retirement Banquet, Women's Day Services; “Women Speak Out” Educational Television Series, Radcliffe College

Contributor: APE Bulletin, 2003; In Praise of Our Teachers, (Beacon Press, 2003); Callaloo, Winter, 2001; “In Memoriam,” Journal of Negro History (Winter 2001); Father-Son Testimonies of African-American Sons and Daughters (Beacon, 1997); Review, Morehouse Almasa Magazine (1998); Notable Black American Women (Gale Press, 1991); Univ. of Kentucky Microfilm Series (1984, Master's Thesis)

Phi Beta Kappa Society (Delta of Georgia); Charter Member, Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society; Charter Member, Charles Cheenutt Society; Who's Who Among Teachers; Distinguished Service Award, Chicago Chapter of Morehouse Alumni Assoc; Who's Who Among Black Americans; Prospective Students Seminar Service Award;

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EDUCATION

TESTAMUR, UNIV. OF EXETER, ENGLAND (1958-60)
CERTIFICATE, UNIV. OF LONDON, SUMMER, 1959
B. A. SPELMAN COLLEGE, 1961 (ENGLISH)
M. A. ATLANTA UNIVERSITY, 1962 (ENGLISH)
PH.D. EMORY UNIVERSITY, 1976 (ENGLISH)

EMPLOYMENT

1979 - PRESENT MOREHOUSE COLLEGE
ASSOC. PROF. - PROF., 1995-present; CHAIR OF ENGLISH, 1995 - 2002

1994 - 1995 INDIANA UNIV/PERDUE UNIV/INDIANAPOLIS
VISITING PROF. (SABBATICAL)

1988 - 1994; 2003 SPELMAN COLLEGE, VISITING PROFESSOR (part time)

1983 - 1993; 2004 ST. LEO COLLEGE (ADJ.)

1984 - 1987 DEKALB COLLEGE (ADJ.)

1981 - 1983 (SUM) EDUCATION SPECIALIST, EDUCATION BRANCH
FORCES COMMAND. US ARMY

1977 - 1979 DILLARD UNIVERSITY, ASSOC. PROF/DIR. OF GOV'T REL.

1964 - 1979 MOREHOUSE COLLEGE, INSTRUCTOR - ASST. PROF.

1964 (JAN. - JUNE) NORFOLK STATE UNIV., INSTRUCTOR

1962 - 1963 ATLANTA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

1963 (JAN. - JUNE) MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE, INSTRUCTOR

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

"Celebrating the Arts" Committee; Honorary Degree Committee; Board of Trustees; Appointments, Promotions, and Tenure Committee; Judiciary Committee; General Editor, Self Study Report; B.R. Brazee Award Committee; Committee on Academic Program; Chair, Humanities Cluster; Mays Lecture Series Committee; Cultural Affairs Committee; Sponsor, Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society; Honors Program Advisory Council; Dir, English Fundamentals Program; Dir, Freshman English Program; Chair, Dept. Reappointments, Promotion, and Tenure Committee; Dept. Curriculum Committee; Chair, Journalism Committee; Editorial Advisory Council, ~~Alumni~~ Magazine; Advisor, Homecoming Coronation; Freshman Seminar Leader; Candle in the Dark Honoree Selection Committee; Study Abroad Selection Committee; Faculty Advisory Council; Mentor, Morehouse Scholars Program; Mentor, Morehouse-Delta Delta Scholars Program; Long-Range Planning Committee; Committee on Assessment; Inaugural Committee (Keith); Inaugural Symposium Committee (Maseoy); Chair, Search Committee for Vice Pres. for Campus Operations; Dept. Honors Com; Chair, Subcom. On Curriculum, Div. of Humanities/Soc Sci



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Senate Bill 231

By: Senator Price of the 56th
AS PASSED

AN ACT

To amend an Act providing for the establishment of a county-wide library system in Fulton County, approved April 12, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 4174), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 5, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 4084), an Act approved April 1, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 3859), and an Act approved April 4, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 3635), so as to specify a name for the county-wide library system; to change membership, the number of members, and the selection of members of the library board of trustees; to provide for vacancies and related matters; to provide for the selection of the executive director of the library system and to whom the executive director shall report; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act providing for the establishment of a county-wide library system in Fulton County, approved April 12, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 4174), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 5, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 4084), an Act approved April 1, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 3859), and an Act approved April 4, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 3635), is amended by striking Section 4 and inserting in lieu thereof a new Section 4 to read as follows:

"SECTION 4.

- (a) The county-wide library system shall be named the Atlanta-Fulton County Library System. Responsibility for constructing, operating, and maintaining all library facilities and services within the above named portions of Fulton County shall hereinafter be vested in the county-wide library system which shall be administered by the library board of trustees. (b)
- (1) The term of office of each member of the library board of trustees serving as such trustee on June 30, 2004, shall expire upon July 1, 2004. On and after July 1, 2004, the library board of trustees shall consist of 11 members as provided in this section.
- (2) The mayor of the City of Atlanta or his or her designee shall serve on the library board of trustees ex officio. The chairperson of the Fulton County board of commissioners or his or her designee shall serve on the board of trustees ex officio.

(3) There shall be seven Fulton County appointed members, with one such member appointed by each member of the Fulton County board of commissioners. Each member of the board of trustees appointed by a member of the board of commissioners shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing member of the board of commissioners. Each member of the board of trustees appointed by a member of the board of commissioners shall reside within the same commissioner district as the appointing member of such board of commissioners and shall continue to reside in such district during his or her service on the board of trustees or that office shall become vacant. A member of the board of trustees appointed by an at-large member of the board of commissioners may reside anywhere in Fulton County and shall continue to reside in Fulton County during his or her service on the board of trustees or that office shall become vacant.

(4) There shall be two City of Atlanta appointed members. At least one of the two City of Atlanta appointed members shall be a resident of that portion of the City of Atlanta which is located within DeKalb County. These two members shall be selected from a list of no more than three candidates provided by the three council members who are elected at large. Such list of candidates shall be agreed to by said three council members and presented to the mayor for his or her selection and nomination to the city council of two library board members. In the event that a list is not received within 60 days of the mayor's request, the mayor shall proceed to nominate for the library board members' positions. Said nominations shall be confirmed by majority vote of council members present and voting on these nominations. The City of Atlanta appointed board members shall serve for terms of two years commencing July 1 of each odd-numbered year.

(c) Except with respect to the ex officio members, no person other than a person appointed pursuant to paragraph (4) of subsection (b) of this section may be appointed or serve as a member of the library board of trustees who holds any elective office.

(d) Any vacancy on the library board of trustees shall be filled in the same manner as the initial appointment.

(e) Members of the library board of trustees shall be removed for cause or for failure to attend three consecutive meetings pursuant to the bylaws of the library board of trustees.

(f) Members of the library board of trustees may receive a per diem allowance for each meeting of the board of trustees which they attend. Such allowance shall be in such amount as may be fixed from time to time by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County.

(g) There shall be an executive director of the library system who shall be hired by and serve at the pleasure of the Fulton County manager and shall report directly to the county manager for purposes of job performance, evaluation, and budgeting."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

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BY MAYOR SHIRLEY FRANKLIN
A COMMUNICATION APPOINTING
DR. DELORES B. STEPHENS AS
A MEMBER OF THE ATLANTA
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