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A COMMUNICATION FROM ROBERT M. FRANKLIN, PRESIDENT, MOREHOUSE COLLEGE, TO MUNICIPAL CLERK RHONDA DAUPHIN JOHNSON:

SUBMITTING THEIR APPOINTMENT OF MS. FRAN PHILLIPS-CALHOUN TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE APPEAL FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ATLANTA STUDENT MOVEMENT.

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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION

- 2nd, 1st & 2nd, 3rd Readings
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Municipal Clerk

MAYOR'S ACTION

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Atlanta City Council

REGULAR SESSION

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COMM.OF MOREHOUSE COLLEGE APPOINT.FRAN  
PHILLIPS CALHOUN TO SERVE APPEAL FOR HR  
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ABSTENTIONS: 0  
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Y Hall	Y Wan	Y Martin	Y Watson
Y Young	Y Shock	Y Bottoms	Y Willis
Y Winslow	Y Adrean	Y Sheperd	NV Mitchell

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**Robert M. Franklin**  
President

July 21, 2010

Ms. Rhonda Dauphin Johnson  
Atlanta Municipal Clerk  
City of Atlanta  
55 Trinity Avenue, SW, Ste. 2700  
Atlanta, GA 30303

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Dear Ms. Johnson:

I am in receipt of your letter dated July 7, 2010, requesting the appointment of a representative from Morehouse College to a newly formed commission established to determine an appropriate memorial to the Committee for the Appeal for Human Rights and the Atlanta Student Movement.

Morehouse College is pleased to participate in this 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration commission charged to offer a permanent tribute to the young heroes and heroines who ignited the Atlanta Student Movement and the legal desegregation of the city of Atlanta's retail business sector. These bold soldiers of the Movement stood in the gap as "stretcher-bearers" for generations of African-Americans and other immigrants for whom the American dream of equality was denied. We are forever indebted to them for the sacrifices and efforts made on behalf of all citizens of our great city.

To that end, I am appointing my chief of staff, Fran Phillips-Calhoun, to serve as the representative to the commission from Morehouse College. Ms. Phillips-Calhoun served on the Atlanta Student Movement 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, and I am certain that she will provide excellent leadership on your commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of this historic deliberation. On behalf of a grateful college, I am

Sincerely,

Robert M. Franklin

Cc: The Honorable Michael Julian Bond

CURRICULUM VITAE

**FRAN PHILLIPS-CALHOUN**

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***Education:***

B.A., Political Science – Howard University, 2000

Master of Theological Studies – Emory University, 2005

***Government, Legislative and Public Affairs Experience:***

**Economic Development Associate**, Central Atlanta Progress, 2002-2003

**Legislative Director**, Atlanta City Council, City of Atlanta, 1998 – 2002

**Legislative Assistant**, Atlanta City Council, City of Atlanta, 1994 – 1997

**Public Policy Management Intern**, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1986-1989

**Staff Assistant**, Office of the Honorable George “Mickey” Leland, U.S. House of Representatives, 1984-1985

***Administrative Experience:***

**Executive Director**, Wesley Community Centers, Inc., 2005 – Present

**Special Assistant/Chief of Staff**, Office of the President, The Interdenominational Theological Center, 1997-1998

**Executive Director/Founder**, Patricia Roberts Harris Commemorative Campaign, 1991-2001

**Financial Aid Associate**, Georgetown University Law Center, 1990-1991

***Fundraising, Negotiations and Lobbying***

**Fundraiser** - National League of Cities – 2001 Congress of Cities: raised \$800,000

**Lobbyist/Director** – Patricia Roberts Harris Commemorative Campaign, 2000 Series

**Lobbyist**- Passenger Rail Feasibility Funds - Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act

**Lobbyist** - HUD Funding for the Interdenominational Theological Center: \$300,000

**Lobbyist** – Georgia Passenger Rail Authority (obtained authorization and funding)

## FRAN PHILLIPS-CALHOUN

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### Publications:

**Essay Contributor/Researcher** – “Patricia Roberts Harris: A Pioneer Champion of Civil Justice and Social Justice,” *Outstanding Women in Public Administration: Leaders; Mentors; and Pioneers*, Claire L. Felbinger et al (eds), (Armonk, NY: ME Sharpe Publishing, 2004), ppgs. 103-134.

**Essayist** - “Black Heritage Series U.S. Postal Service in Honor of Patricia Roberts Harris,” *The Past as Prologue: Essays of the Legacies and Seeds of Promise*, Center for Research on African American Women, Vol 1 (July, 2000): 56-57.

**Reviewer** – *Another Day’s Journey: Black Churches Confronting the American Crises*, Robert M. Franklin, (Minneapolis:MN, Augsburg Fortress Publishing, 1997)

**Essayist** - “Margaret Bush,” *Black Women in America*, Darlene Clark Hine et al. (eds), (Brooklyn, NY: Carlson Publishing, 1993), ppgs. 1272-3.

### Service and Related Professional Activity:

**Board Member**, Atlanta Community Court-Restorative Justice Foundation

**Member**, City of Atlanta Solid Waste Advisory Commission

**Alumna**, Faith and the City Leadership Institute

**Alumna**, United Way VIP Board Training Institute

**Alumna**, Black-Jewish Coalition Leadership Training-Project Understanding

**Former National Board Member; Member**, Marietta-Roswell Alumnae Executive Board, Delta Sigma Theta

**Chaplain Intern**, Atlanta Union Mission

**Coordinator**, Habitat for Humanity/Antioch Baptist Church North

### Commendations and Endorsements:

President Jimmy Carter, Letter of Endorsement – Patricia Roberts Harris Commemorative Campaign, 1995.

U.S. Conference of Mayors, Seattle, Washington, June 2000

*Congressional Record*, Vol. 144, No. 142, October 9, 1998, Page E2038.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - General Assembly, 2000

# FRAN PHILLIPS-CALHOUN

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### CHIEF OF STAFF- OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Morehouse College – 2007 – Present

- Member of senior executive leadership team that advises the president on policy, procedural and operational issues
- Serve as surrogate to internal and external constituents on behalf of the president
- Spearhead presidential initiatives and projects aligned with president's vision
- Responsible for executive communications oversight and management
- Manage and oversee staff, operations and budget in the Office of the President

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Wesley Community Centers, Inc. - 2005 – 2007

- Provided leadership for a faith-based non-profit that serves elderly living on low incomes and youth from economically disadvantaged backgrounds
- Developed program management, operations strategies and evaluations to fulfill agency mission
- Facilitated external relations, fundraising and resource development expansion
- Was responsible for management of staff of 12 senior and rank personnel

*Accomplishments:* Facilitated first publication of annual report and first federal grant application; overhauled accounting system for efficient and accurate recording and reporting; expanded resource development capacity; initiated management planning and staff development training program

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE

Central Atlanta Progress - 2002-2003 (contract)

- Identified funding strategies for economic development initiatives in Downtown Atlanta
- Worked on fostering partnerships among Downtown stakeholders to implement initiatives
- Planned management and marketing of events to promote Downtown business and tourism

*Accomplishments:* Developed membership investment criteria; Produced strategic funding manual for Downtown biotechnology development; Wrote media and public relations Request for Proposals for new Downtown image campaign; and created 2003 annual meeting proposal.

### LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

Atlanta City Council - Post 3 At-Large - 1994-97, 1998-2002

- Spearheaded legislative drafting and tracking on policy issues
- Lobbied local, state and federal officials, and interfaced with business leaders
- Managed constituent casework and community outreach
- Supervised office staff, and created and oversaw office budget

*Accomplishments:* Efforts led to funding for state agency; Persuaded federal officials to retain funding for alternative transportation studies; Coordinated creation of Retail Incentive Tax Zones to encourage in-town retail investment; Served as coordinator and fundraiser for 2001 National League of Cities conference – Raised \$800,000 in corporate sponsorship.

### SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

The Interdenominational Theological Center - 1997-1998

- Developed and implemented presidential initiatives and special projects
- Served as university cabinet member and advisory team member for faith-based think tank
- Acted as liaison to board of directors and government officials
- Supervised staff; managed office and budget

*Accomplishments:* Efforts led to HUD program grant funding and state and local government program endorsement; Developed university team-building module; Directed archival and donation of

university's historical papers; Coordinated intercollegiate racial reconciliation project with local seminaries and congregations; Proofed/Edited book, *Another Day's Journey*; Served as facilitator for workshop: "Civil Rights and Religion in America," the Civil Rights Project, Harvard University.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/FOUNDER

##### Patricia Roberts Harris Commemorative Campaign - 1991-2001

- Established and executed national advocacy campaign
- Served as organization principal providing research, fundraising, and program coordination
- Published articles and performed public speaking tours including U.S. Conference of Mayors, Congressional Black Caucus, Delta Sigma Theta Convention, Atlanta (GA) Public Schools, Compton (CA) Public Schools, and Howard University

*Accomplishments:* Obtained U.S. postage stamp; Received *Congressional Record* commendation; Raised and donated \$15,000 to Patricia Roberts Harris Public Affairs Fellowship Program at Howard University; Initiated distribution of 10,000 educational kits to targeted public libraries and schools; and gathered over 36,000 signatures in support of campaign.

#### FINANCIAL AID ASSOCIATE

##### Georgetown University Law Center - 1990-1991

- Administered federal loan repayment compliance program and graduate student loans
- Managed office operations and student communications

*Accomplishments:* Organized successful financial aid education information series, which led to greater loan repayment awareness and student service.

#### PUBLIC POLICY MANAGEMENT INTERN-OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

##### U.S. Department of Transportation - 1986-1989

- Successfully completed management planning, consumer affairs, and human resources professional tracks

*Accomplishments:* Automated federal employee equivalency and airline performance reports.

#### STAFF ASSISTANT - OFFICE OF THE HONORABLE GEORGE "MICKEY" LELAND

##### U.S. House of Representatives - 1984-1985

- Wrote issue and committee hearings briefings
- Conducted legislative research and provided administrative support
- Managed constituency courtesy affairs and citizen complaint casework

*Accomplishments:* Coordinated informational lectures under the auspices of the U.S. House Select Committee on Hunger for university students that increased awareness and engagement in support of U.S. efforts to address hunger in Ethiopia.

#### EDUCATION

Emory University, Atlanta, GA.  
Concentration: Public Role of Religion  
Howard University, Washington, DC.

Master of Theological Studies

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science

#### COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP & RELATED EXPERIENCE

Atlanta Community Court - Restorative Justice Foundation, Former Board Member  
YMCA - Villages at Carver Branch, Former Board Member  
City of Atlanta- Solid Waste Advisory Commission, Former Member  
Faith and the City Leadership Institute, Alumna  
United Way VIP Board Training Institute, Alumna  
Atlanta Union Mission, Former Chaplain Intern  
Habitat for Humanity/Antioch Baptist Church North, Women's Coordinator  
Delta Sigma Theta, former National Board Member; Golden Life Member  
Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society, Member