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

SUBMITTING THEIR APPOINTMENT OF MR. LONNIE KING TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE APPEAL FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ATLANTA STUDENT MOVEMENT.

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Ms. Rhonda Dauphin Johnson
Atlanta Municipal Clerk
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Atlanta, GA 30303

Dear Ms. Johnson:

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

Morehouse College is pleased to participate in this 50th 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 Morehouse College alumnus, Mr. Lonnie King, to serve as the representative to the commission on behalf of Morehouse College. Mr. King was the founding chairman of the Atlanta Student Movement in 1960, and I am certain that he 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

Lonnie C. King, Jr. '69

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Rich's Department Store in downtown Atlanta was *the* place to purchase clothing, shoes and other goods in 1960 – unless you were black.

Morehouse student Lonnie King '69 had grown tired, not only of the store's practice of giving African American customers second-class service, but also of an Atlanta that was deeply divided down racial lines that weren't to be crossed.

King led 35 other students who carried their signs in front of Rich's and helped strike one of the first blows of a turbulent decade that saw the nation rise against the ills of racial segregation and strife. It was a bold move as parents and school administrators were against the young Atlanta University Center students rocking the racial boat at the time.

"In 1960...the time had come," King told Morehouse students during a panel discussion in 2008. "The new Negro showed up in 1960. We showed up and basically told Dr. [Benjamin] Mays and the other administrators, 'If not now, when? If not us, who?'"

King organized and headed the Committee on Appeal for Human Rights, which served as the base of operations for students in the Atlanta University Center. The courageous students desegregated more than 300 eating establishments, movies theaters, beauty parlors, nurseries, lounges and other Atlanta-area facilities. They registered more than 5,000 African American voters within a 30-day period in 1961 and filed their own lawsuit – without a lawyer's help – that led to the desegregation of restaurants, restrooms and courtrooms in Fulton County and the city of Atlanta. The group also originated the "kneel-in" protest, which heralded the desegregation of many of the city's church congregations.

King didn't stop there. He joined with other concerned college students to form the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, serving on the influential organization's executive committee. From a small office on what is now Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard near the Atlanta University Center, King led a small, dedicated group of students who saw the goal of racial equality as not only being right, but also obtainable.

SNCC was a huge catalyst in the growing sit-in movement, voter registration drives and freedom drives, which included the Mississippi Freedom Summer. One of SNCC's earliest and most lasting legacies comes from the leadership role in coordinating the 1963 March on Washington, the site where a young Martin Luther King Jr. '48 made his iconic "I Have a Dream" speech.

Throughout the 1960s, King was one of the movement's most sought-after organizers. By 1969, he was the president of the Atlanta Chapter of the National

Association for the Advancement of Colored People. There he negotiated the hiring of the first African American superintendent of the Atlanta Public Schools and filed the lawsuit that led to the creation of the 5th Congressional District. That allowed for the election of Andrew Young as the first African American U.S. congressman from Georgia since Reconstruction.

He has been a member of, among many others, the Morehouse College Board of Trustees (1998-2002); the Morehouse School of Medicine Board of Trustees (1998-2004); the American Civil Liberties Union (1969-1971) and the Consumers for World Trade Board of Directors (1975-1980).

In a life that has come full circle, King has turned his attention to young people and education. He has been a college professor at the University of the District of Columbia and Sojourner Douglass College; a guest lecturer at institutions such as the University of Virginia Law School, Coppin State University and Oglethorpe University, and a teacher in the Howard County Public School System. Currently, King is a social studies teacher in the Baltimore City Public School System and president and CEO of Onyx Development Company, LLC, a real estate development and construction firm.

King is the recipient of the Morehouse College 2010 Bennie Trailblazer Award, and is on his way to adding another accomplishment to his long list of accolades: working on a doctorate in history at Georgia State University, King will soon become Dr. Lonnie C. King Jr.

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