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MEDIA ADVISORY

Anti-Hazing/Anti-Violence Task Force to Announce National Initiative and Conference

Tuesday, January 17, 2011 – 2:00 PM
The National Press Club 529 14th Street - Washington D.C.
ZENGER ROOM – 13th Floor

Presidents of Historically Black Colleges and Universities unite with Faith-Based leaders, Pastors, Publishers and Social Action Groups to end culture of violence across America

The National Newspaper Publishers Association/NNPA; The National Save the Family Now Movement, Inc.; The Martin Luther King, Jr., Center for Nonviolent Social Change; The National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO), the membership association of the nation's 105 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's), 50 Predominantly Black Institutions (PBI's), the Thurgood Marshall College Fund (whose members are the public HBCUs and PBIs), and others will announce the launching of a **National Anti-Hazing/Anti-Violence Task Force on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 2:00 PM at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. 529 14th Street, Washington DC. The group will also announce the goal and mission of the first National Anti-Hazing/Anti-Violence Conference to be held February 24-25, 2012, at South Carolina State University.**

1. **National Press Conference of the National Anti-Hazing/Anti-Violence Task Force** to announce strategies to address hazing and violence across America in general, and at HBCUs in particular.

Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2012

Time: 2:00 PM/EST

Location: The National Press Club

529 14th Street, NW - Washington D.C. - (202-662-7500)

Our goal is to have 35-50 HBCU presidents standing united to eradicate hazing.

2. **National Anti-Hazing/Anti-Violence Conference: "The Culture, Cause and Cure of Hazing: Theological, Sociological, and Psychological Solutions for the Eradication and Elimination of Hazing"**

Date: Friday & Saturday, February 24-25, 2012

Location: South Carolina State University

Orangeburg, South Carolina

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Dr. R. B. Holmes, Jr., (FL)
Task Force Chairman
President National Save the
Family Now Movement, Inc.

Over thirty-five representatives from the nation’s HBCU’s, the faith-based community, and the civic and religious communities will participate in the Press Conference on January 17, 2012, in Washington, D.C.

“We have come together to organize an historic National Anti-Hazing/Anti-Violence Task Force to provide solutions and strategies to eradicate hazing from Black college campuses and to finally develop proactive programs and events to address the escalation of violence in Black America.” stated Reverend Dr. R. B. Holmes, Jr., organizer

of the National Anti-Hazing/Anti-Violence Task Force and pastor of the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church of Tallahassee, FL. Reverend Holmes is also President of the National Save the Family Now Movement, Inc. and President of Region Two of the National Newspaper Publishers Association.

The untimely death of Florida A&M drum major, Robert Champion, that was caused by hazing, is a wake-up call



M.L. King, III (GA) Task Force Co-
Chairperson, President & CEO
/King Center for Non Violent
Social Change

to Black America to work together now to eradicate hazing from our culture and community. “The Black Community has allowed violence to go unchecked and unchallenged for many years. We must now develop a 21st century proactive and prophetic response to violence and hazing in Black America” stated Martin L. King, III, Co-Chairperson of the Anti-Hazing/Anti-Violence Task Force and President & CEO of the King Center for Non-Violent Social Change.



Dr. George Cooper,
(SC) -Task Force Co-
Chair; President,
South Carolina State
University; President
of the Council of 1890
Universities

“This movement will afford an opportunity for us to tell the true story about the academic excellence, culture, climate and return on investments in HBCUs, while making sure that the FAMU incident is the last incident of wanton, unbridled violence on one of our campuses. As HBCU presidents, we have an opportunity to elevate the level of discourse with a powerful, collective voice,” state Dr. George Cooper, President and South Carolina State University and President of the Council of 1890 Universities.

**National Anti-Hazing/Anti-Violence Task Force
Speakers for the Press Conference
January 17, 2012 –National Press Club – Washington D.C.**



Dr. W Franklyn
Richardson, (NY)
President, National
Council of Black
Churches

“We have come together to lend our voices and moral authority to create a wholesome conversation that will motivate and mobilize our community to clearly say no to hazing and violence and to deal with the psychological and theological reasons that make a person want to haze and be hazed,” stated Dr. Franklyn Richardson, Chairman of the National Council of Black Churches.



Cloves Campbell, (AZ)
Chairman, National
Newspaper
Publishers
Association/NNPA

“We will provide real transforming programs and policies that will eliminate hazing as we know it, and reduce Black on Black crime in our communities. The National Black Press will carry the message throughout the land. We will be the voice of change and renewal,” stated Cloves Campbell, Jr., Chairman, of the National Newspapers Publishers Association.

The family of slain FAMU drum major Robert Champion is expected to attend the Press Conference.

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Attachment

Additional Speakers for the Press Conference

Some other leaders of the National Anti-Hazing/Anti-Violence Task Force expected to speak at the National Press Club on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 2:00 PM include:



**Daryl Parks, Esquire President,
National Bar Association**



**Honorable Emanuel Cleaver
(DC); Chairman of the National
Black Caucus**



**Attorney Carolyn
House Stewart, Esq.,
(FL); President Alpha
Kappa Alpha Sorority**



**Danny Bakewell, Sr. (CA),
Executive Publisher, Los
Angeles Sentinel, Inc., Past
National Chairman/NNPA**



**Honorable John Marks,
Mayor, Tallahassee, FL**



**Bishop A. J. Richardson (NY)
Presiding Bishop of the Second
Episcopal District of the African
Methodist Episcopal Church**



**Lezli Baskerville, Esq.,
President & CEO National
Association for Equal
Opportunity in Higher
Education/NAEOHE**



**Dr. John Grant, (NC)
Vice President At
Large, National Save
the Family Now
Movement, Inc.**



**James Crumel, Sr. (Washington)
Southern Regional Vice President,
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity**



**Dr. Ronald W. Holmes (GA)
National Superintendent,
National Save the Family Now
Movement, Inc.**



**Rev. Telley Lynette Gadson,
Pastor Saint Mark United
Methodist Church
Sumter, South Carolina**