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The Savannah Tribune Salutes Black History Month



Amelia Boynton Robinson

In observance of Black History Month, The Savannah Tribune will salute African Americans who have made tremendous contributions to our society and world.

Civil rights pioneer Amelia Boynton Robinson was born on August 18, 1911 in Savannah, Georgia.

She started her college education at Georgia State College (now Savannah State) and after two years transferred and graduated from Tuskegee Institute (now Tuskegee University), in Tuskegee, Alabama, earning a degree in home economics. (She later studied at Tennessee State, Virginia State, and Temple University.)

In 1934, at the age of twenty-three, Robinson became one of the few registered African American voters. In an era where literacy tests were used to discriminate against African Americans seeking to vote, Robinson used her status as a registered voter to assist other African American applicants to become registered voters.

On February 29, 1964, Robinson became the first

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Savannah Black Heritage Festival Committee members and partners are pictured above after they extended an invitation to members of the Savannah City Council and the citizens of Savannah to enjoy the festivities of the 21st Annual Black Heritage Festival. (L-R, Row 1): Kwabena Jones, Festival Committee; Eileen Baker, Head, Savannah’s Department of Cultural Affairs; Joy Haliburton, Vice President for University Advancement, Savannah State University, Vaughnette Goode-Walker, Director of Cultural Diversity and Access, Telfair Museum; (L-R, Row 2): Juanita Adams, Festival Youth Talent Coordinator; Thomi Dawson, Loretta Heyward, Director of Marketing/Communications, Savannah State University. Photo courtesy of D and D Photography.

Berry to Appear During Savannah Book Festival



Bertice Berry

Dr. Bertice Berry will appear as part of the 2010 Savannah Book Festival.

Berry is the best-selling author of an inspirational memoir, *I’m On My Way, But Your Foot Is On My Head*, and the hilarious bestsellers *Sckraight From the Ghetto*, *You Might Be Ghetto If* and the sequel *You STILL Ghetto*.

Her first work of fiction, *Redemption Song*, published by Double Day in 2000, is also a Best-seller and has been praised by critics for its ability to entertain, inspire and educate. Berry followed *Redemption Song*, with another bestseller, *The Haunting of Hip Hop* and took her readers on a journey to the other side.

In August 2002, she released her most passionate work ever with *Jim & Louella Homemade Heart-fix Remedy*, a tantalizing yet spiritual tale that has won several awards. Berry’s wit and wisdom shine through in her novel about looking for love in all the wrong places—and with all the wrong people, *“When Love Calls, You Better Answer”*; released the summer of 2005.

The Third Annual Savannah Book Festival will be held February 5-7 2010. For more information, please visit www.savannahbookfestival.org.

Fifty Years Later: Sit-in Survivor Challenges Others to Do More



Dr. Franklin E. McCain embraces another A&T demonstrator at the luncheon. Photo courtesy of Zelena Williams/Howard University News Service

By Brittney M. Black
 Special to the NNP from
 the Howard University
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Fifty years ago, four North Carolina A&T students took a stand against segregation by sitting down at a F.W. Woolworth’s store counter. This simple act by four freshmen, now known as the “A&T Four,” inspired students in North Carolina—and around the country.

This week, hundreds

of people came back to Greensboro to the very place where it all began to honor the A&T Four and to commemorate the opening of the International Civil Rights Center and Museum on Feb. 1.

One of the four, Dr. Franklin E. McCain, looks at the museum opening as a challenge to himself and the next generation.

“The opening of the museum to me personally means a challenge,”

McCain said, “because it reminds me of what happened on Feb. 1st and presents me with the question ‘what have I done lately?’” “The museum is like a report card for me,” he explained. “I do a little self-inspection and give myself a grade. The grade I come back with is a C. I have to recognize that I cannot live on Feb. 1st for the rest of my life. I have to continue to do other great things. That’s what I have

been doing.” McCain and two survivors among the A&T Four attended a luncheon honoring sit-in activists on Jan. 29.

The commemorative activities began on Friday with a town hall featuring leaders such as the Rev. Jesse Jackson; Julianne Malveaux, president of Bennett College; and Ben Chavis, one of the 10



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