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PRESS STATEMENT

Brooklyn, NY – Members of the Board of Directors of *A Soulful Heart Memorializing George Floyd, Jr.*, including co-founder Selwyn Jones, George Floyd's uncle, would like to heartily congratulate Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on her historic confirmation by the U.S. Senate as an Associate Justice to the United States Supreme Court.

This is the first time that a Black woman has been appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court in 232 years. The unprecedented 53-47 Senate vote, presided over by Vice President Harris, represents a milestone in American history for judicial representation on the nation's highest court that will now reflect the diversity of American citizens. It is also the first time that a Supreme Court Associate Justice will have had professional legal experience as a public defender, a mainstay of our nation's constitutional rights afforded to all citizens for the appointment of legal representation if a defendant cannot afford a lawyer.

And while the political climate surrounding the momentous confirmation hearings were clearly partisan in nature – every Republican serving on the Senate Nominating Committee voted against the advancement of Judge Brown's nomination to the Senate for a confirmation vote – history will reflect that today was the day America took a tremendous step forward in recognizing the irrefutable professional accomplishments of a person of color, providing an influential and much-needed role model in American society.

At a time when there are so many distressing situations in the world, the appointment of Judge Jackson to the U.S. Supreme Court brings a message of hope to our country and beyond. Our congratulations, again, to Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson.

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