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“Where There Is Unity, There Is Strength”

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Rev. Gill Ford
NAACP Director of Unit Administration
4805 Mt. Hope Dr.
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Dear Rev. Ford,

It is indeed an honor and with great pleasure that I recommend the immediate chartering of the *Move Foward Thurgood Marshall High School Unit* of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).


At the request of Lt. Colonel Retired Claudia L. Mason, I served as guest speaker at Thurgood Marshall High School to talk about the history of the NAACP and the Youth and College Division. I also spoke about the current work of the NAACP and the Dayton Unit NAACP. The goal was to get students interested in becoming members of the NAACP so we could start the process of chartering a High School Unit in Montgomery County, Ohio. As my speaking engagement was coming to a close, I advised the students that I would pay for the first 10 students who wanted to join the NAACP. Since many of the students were excited about joining the NAACP, I decided to pay for the first 25 students to assist with getting the Unit chartered ASAP.

It should be noted that Colonel Mason is the brainchild of the *Move Foward Thurgood Marshall High School Unit* as she came to me over a year ago with the strong desire to start a High School Unit of the NAACP in Montgomery County by ways of Dayton, Ohio. Colonel Mason served in my administration from 2009 - 2011 as the Chair of the Armed Service and Veterans Affairs Committee and did an outstanding job.

In closing, with a name like Thurgood Marshall, what better school in the Dayton community to start a NAACP High School Unit, especially when the person who embodied this name was the Founder and Executive Director of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, served as a member of the NAACP National Staff and won many landmark cases on behalf of the NAACP. What a legacy!!! We appreciate your consideration in advance.

Have a Blessed Year of 2015!!!

Your community servant,



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