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NABA, INC. CELEBRATES THE LIFE AND VICTORIES OF CIVIL RIGHTS CHAMPION DR. DOROTHY HEIGHT

We, the National Association of Black Accountants, Inc., are saddened by the passing of Dr. Dorothy Irene Height the great civil rights pioneer and social justice advocate. We join the National Council of Negro Women in reflecting on the marvelous accomplishments of this courageous woman. She was 98 years old when she passed last week.

Known endearingly as the mother of the civil rights movement, Dr. Height led the National Council of Negro Women for 40 years. In her time, she counseled presidents and other leaders, including Dwight Eisenhower, and was a voice behind the eventual desegregation of American public schools. She is credited with getting more African American women appointed to government position under President Lyndon B. Johnson, and she was known for organizing “Wednesdays in Mississippi,” a movement that brought racial groups together for dialogue and voter registration. Dr. Height was awarded both the Congressional Gold Medal and the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

We want to particularly take note of the length of her service. She worked tirelessly for more than 70 years in the struggle for rights and recognition. That is simply remarkable and inspirational. NABA’s members walk in the wake of giants like Dr. Height. And although we may have lost a champion for civil rights, her work lives on through us. The very best we can do to celebrate her life is to continue to achieve and earn our place at the table she helped set.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Walter J. Smith', written in a cursive style.

Walter J. Smith, CPA
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