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## Right-Wing Gets it Wrong on Mississippi Election

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If you ever doubted that conservatives were sore losers, the recent Senate election in Mississippi should remove all doubt.

After complaining for a half century about blacks not voting for Republicans, African Americans did just that in the GOP runoff between incumbent Senator Thad Cochran and State Senator Chris McDaniel, a staunch Tea Party supporter. And because blacks did not vote for McDaniel against their best interest, right-wingers are livid.

Rush Limbaugh called blacks who voted for Cochran "Uncle Toms."

According to a transcript of his radio program, he said: "I wonder what the campaign slogan was in Mississippi in the past couple of days: Uncle Toms for Thad? Cause I thought it was the worst thing you could do as an African American. Voting for a Republican is the absolute worst thing you could do, but somehow they were made to believe that voting for old Thad would be fine and dandy."

Later in the program, Limbaugh said, "Insider Republicans in the Senate bought nine percentage points, eight or nine percentage points from the black Uncle Tom voters in Mississippi (interruption). Well, isn't that what they call Clarence Thomas? Condoleezza Rice? They call 'em Uncle Toms, the Republicans. These guys had voted for Thad? Uncle Toms for Thad."

Glenn Beck chimed in: "I have a question for every black Democrat in Mississippi: What the hell has this 90-year-old fart - a white Republican, the same white Republican (Continued On Page 2)

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NCCU Chancellor Debra Saunders-White (far left) and Durham Tech President William G. Ingram (far right) stand with students who plan to enroll in Eagle Connect, Ms. Ashley Burns, Mr. Ashton Burns and Mr. Brandon Johnson

### NCCU and Durham Tech Sign MOU for Triangle Region's First Residential, Dual Enrollment Initiative

North Carolina Central University (NCCU) and Durham Technical Community College (Durham Tech) have created a formal partnership that will offer the first residential, dual enrollment, transfer admissions program in the Triangle region of North Carolina.

On June 30, NCCU Chancellor Debra Saunders-White and Durham Tech President William G. Ingram signed a memorandum of understanding for the new initiative, called the Eagle Connect Program. Eagle Connect is a residential academic transfer program that includes targeted academic advising, student support services, and a student-life component designed to help students meet the academic requirements for transferring to NCCU.

Eagle Connect allows students to live on NCCU's campus, which is located half a mile from Durham Tech, and take advantage of the university's campus resources and activities while making progress in their intended major during their first and second years at Durham Tech. Eagle Connect is designed similarly to Hoosier Link, a guaranteed admissions program with Indiana University Bloomington and Ivy Tech Community College.

NCCU and Durham Tech have had several articulation agreements and study tracks in place over the years for programs of study including nursing, accounting, criminal justice, public administration and biology with a concentration in pharmaceutical science. Additionally, both institutions' minority male programs, Centennial Scholars Program at NCCU and Durham Tech's Visions Leadership Initiative, have collaborated together on a number of programs.

For more information about the Eagle Connect Program, please contact Ms. Denettia Shaw, Assistant Director of Transfer Services, Eagle Connect Coordinator, at 919-530-6687 or dshaw9@nccu.edu at NCCU, or Ms. Kara Battle, Associate Dean, ASUT (Associate of Science University Transfer) at Durham Tech, at battlek@durhamtech.edu or 919-536-7200, ext. 8002.

## Remembering Fannie Lou Hamer

By Marsha Rose Joyner  
Special to the AFRO

(The Afro) "History does not refer merely, or even principally, to the past. On the contrary, the great force of history comes from the fact that we carry it within us, are unconsciously controlled by it in many ways, and history is literally present in all that we do." - James Baldwin

Since "winners" write the history, and they are usually male, very little is written about the women who played an important part in our struggle. Everyone knows about Rosa Parks and Coretta Scott King. In Baltimore, there was Juanita Mitchell and Lilly Mae Jackson.

Every January and February, the media fills us with the stories of Martin Luther King Jr. as if he was the lone star in the movement. But it was black women who sacrificed the most in the bus boycott. The women who worked in the basements of the churches to move this movement along; the women who walked picket lines in the rain, mud, and snow; women who were secretaries and receptionists who dealt with foul-mouthed whites on the phone, who did the dirty work that was not recalled; these women were written out of the history books.

"Women? Of course, there are thousands of us," wrote Gloria Xifaras Clark. "That is what makes a movement. Most of us shall remain nameless. 'By their fruits ye shall know them.' Women in the movement did everything, like we do in real life to this day. Some cooked, some organized the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, some cleaned, some went to jail, some marched, some were beaten, some died, some celebrated, some cried, some laughed, some danced, some sang, some prayed, some drove, some walked, some made love, some didn't, some voted, some didn't, some brought up children, some were children, some were strong, some were frail, some talked, some were silent, some were workers, some were not, some led, some followed, some taught, we all learned, we all stood up to injustice."

Throughout our history there have been women, the backbone of our race. It is to the workers in the vineyard who give so much and get so little that we must pay homage. Today I'm going to write about one woman, Fannie Lou Hamer, my hero. (Continued On Page 2)



Members of the King Family with others attending the ceremony. (1st row, left to right) Leah Weber King (Mrs. Dexter King), Dexter Scott King, former Virginia Governor Charles S. Robb, Linda Bird Johnson Robb, Congressman John Lewis, Lonnie G. Bunch III Arndrea King (wife of Martin III), Martin Luther King III, Dr. Bernice A. King and standing in front of the group, Yolanda Renee King (daughter of Martin III). (Photo courtesy of Bernice A. King)

### Martin and Coretta King Awarded Congressional Gold Medal

By Freddie Allen  
NNPA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON (NNPA) - During a recent ceremony on Capitol Hill, lawmakers from the United States Senate and House of Representatives celebrated the anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and honored Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King with the Congressional Gold Medal.

"The Civil Rights Act of 1964 did more than help end discrimination in America," said Rep. Marcia Fudge (D-Ohio). "The Civil Rights Act established that legal discrimination would no longer be a barrier to what one could achieve; but that achievement should be solely determined by one's ability and ambition."

Fudge added that Dr. King and President Lyndon B. Johnson exemplify the principles on which our nation was founded.

Rep. John Lewis, former chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), called Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his wife, Coretta Scott King, his brother and sister and said that they taught civil rights activists of the day the way of peace, the way of love, and the way of nonviolence. (Continued On Page 2)



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