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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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- WHAT:** *Brown v. Board of Education* Scholarship Information Session
- WHEN:** Wednesday, November 8, 2006, 6:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** Robert Russa Moton Museum  
900 Griffin Boulevard  
Farmville, Virginia 23901
- PURPOSE:** Informational session for award recipients, institutions of higher education, potential applicants, and other interested persons concerning the *Brown v. Board of Education* Scholarship Program

Senator Benjamin J. Lambert, III, of Richmond, Chairman of the *Brown v. Board of Education* Scholarship Awards Committee, announced today that the Committee will hold an information session concerning the scholarship program for applicants, recipients, institutions of higher education, and other interested persons. Other members of the Committee are Senator Henry L. Marsh, III, of Richmond; Delegates Watkins M. Abbitt, Jr. of Appomattox, Rosalyn R. Dance of Petersburg, Clarke N. Hogan of South Boston, and Thomas C. Wright, Jr. of Victoria; and nonlegislative citizens Dr. Patricia Johnson Brown of Richmond, Andrew I. Heidelberg of Norfolk, Donald E. Martin of Charlottesville, Phyllistine Ward Mosley of Lynchburg, and Tameka Andrea Ferrell of Lawrenceville.

The *Brown v. Board of Education* Scholarship Program and Fund was one of several initiatives resulting from the Commonwealth's two-year long commemoration of the 50th anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education*. The Virginia General Assembly has designed and enacted the scholarship program to assist persons who were enrolled or eligible to enroll in Virginia public schools in localities in which the public schools were closed to avoid desegregation during Massive Resistance between 1954 and 1964. Eligible persons may use the award to obtain (i) an adult high school diploma, (ii) the General Education Development (GED) certificate, (iii) College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) credit, (iv) career or technical education or training at an approved Virginia institution of higher education, or (v) an undergraduate degree from an accredited public or private two-year or four-year Virginia institution of higher education.

By law, the *Brown v. Board of Education* Scholarship Awards Committee is authorized to administer all aspects of the Program and to award scholarships to persons who meet the statutory requirements. Therefore, to apprise all interested parties concerning the application and financial aid processes, State law, and Committee policies governing the Program, the Committee invites all applicants, recipients, institutions of higher education, and other interested persons to attend the **Brown Scholarship Information Session on Wednesday, November 8, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. at the Robert Russa Moton Museum, 900 Griffin Boulevard, Farmville, Virginia 23901.**

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