

DR. DOROTHY I. HEIGHT NAMED 1993 SPRINGARN WINNER



Dr. Dorothy I. Height,
president and CEO of the
National Council of
Negro Women.

Dr. Dorothy I. Height, President of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) and one of the most venerated figures in civil and human rights movements, has been selected as the 1993 recipient of the NAACP's most prestigious awards — the Springarn Medal.

The announcement was made by Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, the NAACP's Executive Director.

Instituted in 1914 by the late Joel E. Springarn, the NAACP chairman, the medal is presented annually to the man or woman of African descent and American citizenship who made the highest achievement during the preceding year or years in any honorable field of human endeavor.

The selection of Dr. Height was made by the Springarn

Award Committee from a list of the nominees submitted by the public. The presentation will take place on Thursday, July 15th, at the Freedom Fund/Springarn Awards Dinner that concludes the NAACP's Annual Convention in Indianapolis.

President of the NCNW since 1957, Dr. Height has played an extraordinary important role in the struggle of African Americans, and has been an especially active advocate for Black Women and the Black family.

Working closely with Dr. Martin Luther King, Roy Wilkins, Whitney Young, A. Phillip Randolph and others, Dr. Height participated in virtually all major civil and human rights events in the 1960s.

For her tireless efforts on behalf of the less fortunate, President Ronald Reagan presented her the Citizens Medal Award for distinguished service in 1989, the year she also received the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Freedom Medal by

the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute.

Her awards also include the Essence Award, 1987; Stellar Award, 1990; Camille Cosby World of Children Award, 1990; the Caring Award by the Caring Institute, 1989; the Olender Foundation's Generous Heart Award, 1990.

Dr. Height has received over 20 honorary degrees for such institutions as Spellman College, Lincoln University (Pennsylvania), Central State University,

and Princeton.

Born in Richmond, VA., she earned her bachelor and master's degree from New York University, and did further post-graduate work at Columbia University and the New York School of Social Research.

For many years, Dr. Height filled a dual role as a staff member of YWCA and a volunteer at the NCNW. At the YWCA, she rose through several leadership positions, to eventually become director of the center for

Racial Justice, a post she held until 1977 when she retired.

As the 78th recipient of the prestigious medal, Dr. Height joins a distinguished roster of African-Americans who have received the award including last year's winner, Barbara Jordan. Other medalists include General Colin L. Powell, Virginia's Governor L. Douglas Wilder, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, Bill Cosby and singer Leontyne Price.

GLADNEY

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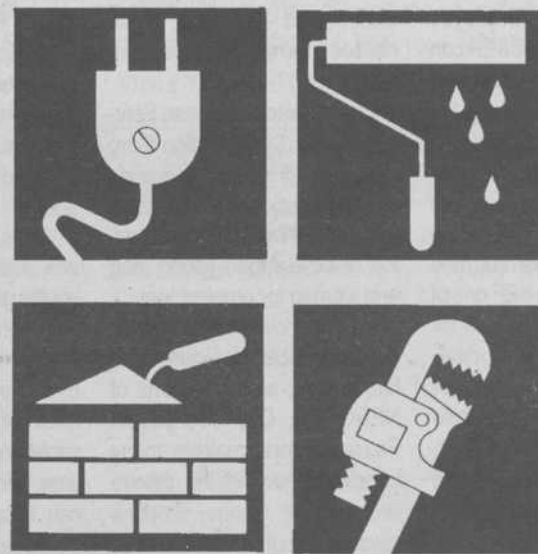
to the Las Vegas community. Among them, a former professional football wide receiver for two-time National Football Champions, San Francisco 49'ers; former Academic Advisor of the UNLV Football Program; and former Multi-Cultural Student Affairs Director - a post vacated by former UNLV football coach Wayne Nunnely. Gladney said that he was elated when hired by Robert Maxie and Larry Wolf to fill the post. When asked about the objectives of the Employment Outreach Program of MGM's Human Resources Department, Gladney said that the program was designed and tailored to reach that segment of the community that have been left out of the mainstream of society.

"What the Employment Outreach Program is designed to do is reach that segment of the community that have been cut off from the mainstream of society for whatever reason, to be able to commit to a certain number of jobs, in this case there are 1200 available positions."

"We are targeting that segment of society that, when a new hotel opens, normally would not interface with these type of positions. Naturally, if they are left out we would offer the life skills training, as well as job skills training. The only requirement that we have is that you must have a willingness to work. We want to put people in positions to be self-sufficient and tax paying citizens, to add to the state's economy and at the same time enter into the mainstream of society," Gladney said.

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