This year has been at times a rather trying period for a number of families who have lived in this particular community for a great number of years.

We believe that the following poem, entitled, "Eternal Life" by St. Francis of Assisi will provide a great deal of hope and faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**ETERNAL LIFE**

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy Peace.
Where there is hatred...love.
Where there is despair...hope.
Where there is sickness...health.
Where there is sadness...joy.
O Divine Master, grant me that I may not so much seek.

Mildred Johnson

Speaks

To be consoled...as to console,
To be understood...as to understand,
For it is in giving...that we receive;
It is in pardoning...that we are pardoned;
It is in dying...that we are born to eternal life.

—by St. Francis of Assisi

In loving memory of Mt. Beatrice W. Gibbs.

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In loving Memory of—

Mildred Johnson
Ben Keaton
Charles Scott
Althea DaSilva
Mary Lee Dukes
Jean Walrath

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Why the Haitian Refugees are Important to African Americans

Some 71 years ago, in 1921, the NAACP's Board of Directors, at the behest of its then Executive Secretary, James Weldon Johnson, approved the following resolution, and its demands.

"Restoration of Haitian independence and reparation, as far as possible, for wrongs committed by the American administration during the years comprising the overthrow of the Republic of Haiti from 1825 to 1834, is a matter to which the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is pledged.

The background for that resolution was that under the pretext of protecting American interests in Haiti, the United States was committing gross violations of the Haitian Constitution and the rights of the Haitian people.

The government promptly filed an appeal with the United States Supreme Court, effectively negating the injunction for the present.

Meanwhile, the government continues to return the Haitians, an action in sharp contrast to that taken with other refugees.

What the NAACP seeks is simply to have our government apply the same process to the Haitians as it applies to all other refugees. Give them the same opportunity to make a case for political asylum, as had been granted to so many others.

Simple justice demands that the NAACP—which has consistently fought the good fight for people of color—take up the cause of the Haitians. And this we have done.

We are dealing with human beings—men, women and children much like ourselves—who are being penalized because of their race. This cannot be tolerated.

Therefore, we are asking people of good conscience to join with the NAACP and TransAfrica on Wednesday, September 9, when we converge on the White House to voice our anger over the Administration's cruel and discriminatory policy and demand its end.

There are those who might ask why, with all the problems facing African-Americans here at home, is the NAACP so concerned about the Haitians?

To ask that question, however, it to admit a certain lack of knowledge of the NAACP's eternal commitment to the principle that justice denied to any person of color, is justice denied to all.

We can never remain silent in the face of injustice. That is why on September 9, we will take our message to the seat of the national government and demand that justice be done.

"If it needs to be done, don't wait to be told...just do it."

—Mildred Johnson

AWARD WINNERS!

John E. Jacob, President and CEO of the National Urban League, center, congratulates the recipients of the Herbert H. Wright Medal for 1992 at the League's Annual Conference in San Diego, CA. The award winners are Dr. Jerome E. Barrow, second from left, Senior Vice President, Hartford Insurance Group and Alene S. Roberts, second from right, Manager, Public Programs, Philip Morris Companies Inc. With them are, from left, Ronald E. Harrison, Vice President, Community Affairs, PepsiCo, Inc. and George L. Knox III, Vice President, Public Affairs, Philip Morris Companies Inc. The presentations were made during the Herbert H. Wright Community Service Breakfast. The awards are presented annually to executives who excel in the promotion of good corporate citizenship. The awards are named for the late Herbert H. Wright, a Philip Morris Executive Director of Urban Affairs, who encouraged the company to support equal rights for minorities before it was fashionable, and he was a mentor to many African Americans who followed him into the corporate world.
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**AWARD FOR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT**

Yvonne L. Finney, Director, NAACP Youth and College Division, presented an award to Pepsi-Cola Company for its "continuous support" of the division's popular Roy Wilkins Scholarship Luncheon during the Association's recent 83rd Annual Convention in Nashville, TN. Pepsi-Cola executives accepting the award were Maurice Co., Vice President, Corporate Development and Diversity, Betty Shine, Supervisor, Media Services and Sam Hall, Manager, Public Relations. Pepsi-Cola recently presented the NAACP Youth and College division with 200 videotapes of the Emmy Award winning motion picture, "Separate But Equal," that starred Sidney Poitier, to encourage discussions in commemoration of the 38th Anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision outlawing segregation in public schools.

The Republic Television movie told the story of Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall's leadership — as a young lawyer — in winning this landmark case.

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New York, NY—On Wednesday, July 15, Essence Communications, Inc., hosted a luncheon to celebrate Women In National Politics. Carol Mosely Braun, Cook County Recorder of Deeds and candidate for the U.S. Senate from the state of Illinois, provided the keynote speech, “Preserving Our Families,” to the luncheon’s guests. The event, hosted by the Honorable Sharon Pratt Kelly, Mayor of Washington, D.C. and chaired by the Honorable Clarence Norman, Jr., Chairman of the Brooklyn Democratic Organization, was held at the New York Hilton Hotel.

Among the guests who attended the luncheon were the Honorable David N. Dinkins, Mayor of New York City; Congresswoman Maxine Waters; Eva Clayton, candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives; Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton; Barbara Boxer, senatorial candidate from California; Diane Watson, Senator from California; and Ms. Gloria Steinem.

Susan L. Taylor, Editor-in-chief of ESSENCE Magazine, said, “Essence Communications, Inc., was honored to host this special luncheon, which celebrates women in national politics for their concern for basic human rights and their strong dedication to the welfare of American families.”

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Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism. 

Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity & disenchantment it is perennial as the grass. 

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue & loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. 

You are a child of the universe, no less isht to be here. And doubt the universe is un- at peace with God, whatever your labors & keep peace with your broken dreams, it is to be happy. 

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