



**RESOLUTION # E**

**JOINT NAHRW/IAOHRA CONFERENCE  
September 14-21, 2007  
Hilton Atlanta Hotel  
Atlanta, Georgia**

Adopted by the International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies (IAOHRA)  
and the National Association of Human Rights Workers (NAHRW)  
on September 19, 2007

**TITLE: OLIVER W. HILL**

**PURPOSE: IN MEMORIAM AND COMMENDATION TO OLIVER W. HILL  
FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CAUSE OF EQUAL  
OPPORTUNITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

**WHEREAS**, the International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies (IAOHRA) and the National Association of Human Rights Workers (NAHRW) are professional associations who have embarked on the first Joint Annual Meeting and Conference; and

**WHEREAS**, IA OHRA is comprised of over 140 state, county, and local human relations commissions in the United States of America and several statutory human rights agencies in Canada that has as its purpose and jurisdiction the elimination of discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, NAHRW is comprised of professional staff workers and members of governing boards of human rights agencies and commissions, teachers of intergroup relations at colleges and universities and other individuals who share a commitment of justice and human dignity; and

**WHEREAS**, Oliver W. Hill, a civil rights lawyer who was at the front of the legal effort that desegregated public schools died at the age of 100 on August 5, 2007; and,



**WHEREAS**, In 1954, he was part of a series of lawsuits against racially segregated public schools that became the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark Brown v. Board of Education decision; and,

**WHEREAS**, Oliver W. Hill won his first Civil Rights case in Virginia, one that required equal pay for black and white teachers in 1940; and;



**WHEREAS**, Attorney Hill became the first Black elected in 1948 to Richmond's City Council since Reconstruction, and,

**WHEREAS**, he graduated second in his class from Howard University Law School in 1933, behind his classmate and longtime friend Thurgood Marshall.

**WHEREAS**, Attorney Hill though his health was declining remained active in social and civil rights causes; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 1999, he received the President's Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, from President Clinton.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Association of Human Rights Workers and the International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies do hereby express its gratitude for his leadership. It is with great sorrow that the world loses this civil rights pioneer.

  
James L. Stowe, President, IAOHRA  
  
Annette Moore, President, NAHRW

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