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Opening Selection *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Lift ev'ry voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by thy might, led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee,
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

New Hanover County Branch NAACP

ANNUAL FREEDOM FUND BANQUET



**Coast Line Convention Center
Wilmington, North Carolina
Wednesday, April 26, 2006**

**Mr. Ronald N. Langston,
National Director
Minority Business Development Agency**



President George W. Bush appointed Ronald N. Langston as the head of the Minority Business Development Agency on March 19, 2001. He is the first individual to officially hold the title of National Director.

Mr. Langston is an experienced executive with a wealth of expertise from the public, private, and non-profit sectors. He has initiated a transformation of the MBDA from an administrative agency to an entrepreneurial organization that focuses on entrepreneurial training, managing, organizational knowledge, and strengthening the performance verification of its core competencies. A central theme of MBDA's management vision is empowerment through entrepreneurship. Mr. Langston believes that a nation business enterprise model will serve as the catalyst to foster capacity and growth in the Nation's minority business community.

Mr. Langston is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including: the Minority Business and Professional Network's 50 Influential Minorities in Business Award; the Ronald H. Brown Economic Development Prism Award from Minorities in Business Magazine; the Asian Business Association's Strategic Thinker Award; and the National Diversity Gala Best Practices Government Leader Award.

Mr. Langston holds degrees from the University of Iowa, the City University of New York (National Urban/Rural Fellow) and Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. He is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church and is married to Inga P. Bumbarly, attorney, of Des Moines Iowa.

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is to ensure the political, educational, social
and economic quality of rights of all persons and
to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.*

PROGRAM

Master of Ceremony.....	Corey L. Barbour
Opening.....	<i>Lift Every Voice and Sing</i>
Invocation & Blessing.....	Pastor Robert L. Campbell
Welcome & Greeting.....	Windell Daniels
Selection.....	The Harmonics

DINNER

Recognitions.....	Julia M. Bibbs
Mother of the Year 2006 Contestants	Emma Saunders, Amelia Martin
Presentation	Nancy Bellamy
Crowning.....	Betty Conyers
Introduction of Speaker.....	Carl Brown
Speaker.....	Ronald N. Langston
Remarks.....	Dolores F. Moore
Closing Selection.....	<i>God Bless America</i>
Benediction.....	Pastor Robert L. Campbell

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