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DR. GEORGE FRENCH, PRESIDENT  
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DEAR DR. FRENCH AND MEMBERS OF THE CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

I WRITE THIS LETTER IN SUPPORT OF THE NAMING OF THE CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT FOR DR. MACK HENRY JONES, FOUNDER OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM OF WHICH I AM A PROUD 1978 GRADUATE.

AS THE RECORDS INDICATE, IN THE 1960'S DR. JONES WROTE AND MANAGED THE FORD FOUNDATION GRANT WHICH FORMED THE FINANCIAL UNDERPINNING FOR THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN POLITICAL SCIENCE. UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, THE PROGRAM GREW INTO ONE OF THE BEST IN THE NATION CREATING SCHOLARS WHO WERE ALSO COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS. WE WERE INTENTIONALLY MOLDED IN THE W.E.B. DUBOIS TRADITION OF SCHOLARSHIP AND ACTIVISM. AS WE MOVED INTO THE ACADEMIC AND PUBLIC POLICY WORLDS, WE CARRIED WITH US THE MACK JONES TRADITION OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO THE BLACK COMMUNITY. DR. JONES IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATING A NUMBER OF HBCU COLLEGE PRESIDENTS, INCLUDING YOURS TRULY, AS WELL AS A PLETHORA OF SCHOLARS IN THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC POLICY EXPERTS.

IN THIS BRIEF 50 YEARS, THE PROGRAM HAS HAD A TREMENDOUS IMPACT ON HOW POLITICAL SCIENCE IS TAUGHT IN THE ACADEMY. FOR EXAMPLE, THE INCLUSION OF AFRICAN AMERICANS AND BLACK POLITICS IS NO LONGER QUESTIONED AS A FIELD OF STUDY NOR IS IT AN AFTERTHOUGHT.

DR. JONES HAS FOLLOWED MOST OF US THROUGH OUR CAREERS SERVING ON OUR DISSERTATION COMMITTEES, WRITING REFERENCE LETTERS, REVIEWING OUR SCHOLARSHIP, AND GIVING POWERFUL LECTURES AT OUR INSTITUTIONS. HE IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE AND CONTINUES TO SERVE AS AN ADVISOR AND MENTOR TO FORMER GRADUATES.

THEREFORE, IN LIGHT OF ALL OF THE ABOVE, IT IS ONLY PROPER AND FITTING THAT ON THIS 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY, THE POLITICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM AT CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY CARRY THE NAME OF THE MAN WHO, WITHOUT QUESTION, CREATED IT.

RESPECTFULLY,

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