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Thru

Dr. George T. French,  
President  
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I write this letter in support of naming the CAU Department of Political Science after Dr. Mack H. Jones, the eminent political scientist on whose shoulders scores of political scientists across the United States and around the world stand.

A progeny of Mack Jones, I was first exposed to his work through two of his products, my undergraduate professors at Alabama A&M University – Drs. Ronald Slaughter and Jacob Butler. They both made such an indelible mark on my young mind that when it came time to choose a graduate school, I had to follow their footsteps to the intellectual giant at Atlanta University (now CAU) who molded them. Dr. Jones has had a huge impact on political science education at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs); no HBCU political science program has escaped the presence of and contributions of one of his progenies.

My three-hour journey from Huntsville, Alabama to CAU was rewarded with an exceptional education under the tutelage of Mack Jones who went on to serve as the chair of my dissertation committee. Dr. Jones poured his extensive research experience and mentoring skills generously into me; his guidance contributed immeasurably to the fact that my dissertation was eventually published as a book. I have always cherished, and will forever remember his emphasis on the importance of his students being scholar-activists.

In summary, Dr. Mack H. Jones has earned this honor. I hope all those involved in the making of this decision approve it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Sueno", followed by a flourish and a comma.

Vice President for Institutional Advancement & Development