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USCCR TO EXAMINE HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

*Commission to examine the educational effectiveness of historically black
postsecondary institutions*

**What: Meeting of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, an independent, bipartisan agency
charged with monitoring and protecting civil rights**

WASHINGTON, DC – A panel of experts will advise the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights regarding the educational effectiveness of Historically Black Colleges and Universities. These institutions have been pivotal in educating students, especially African American ones, for generations. How successful have these institutions been in adapting to students' needs in the new millennium? Among the topics to be addressed is how adequately these institutions prepare students for a world demanding ever more highly skilled workers.

The speakers are Mikyong Minsun Kim, Associate Professor of higher education and Director of the Virginia Campus Higher Education Administration Doctoral Program, the George Washington University; Jamie P. Merisotis, President, Institute for Higher Education Policy; Raymond C. Pierce, Dean and Professor, North Carolina Central University School of Law and former Clinton Administration Deputy Assistant Secretary of Education for Civil Rights; Earl S. Richardson, President, Morgan State University and former Chair of the President's Board of Advisors on HBCUs; and Louis Sullivan, Chair of the President's Board of Advisors on HBCUs, founding Dean and first President of Morehouse School of Medicine, and former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. A meeting agenda follows:

- I. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY CHAIRMAN GERALD A. REYNOLDS
- II. BRIEFING: EDUCATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS OF HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
- III. QUESTIONS BY COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF DIRECTOR

When: Friday, May 5, 2006, 9:30 a.m.

Where: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 624 Ninth Street NW, Room 540 Washington, D.C.

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is an independent, bipartisan agency charged with monitoring federal civil rights enforcement. Members include Chairman Gerald A. Reynolds, Vice Chairman Abigail Thernstrom, and Commissioners Jennifer C. Braceras, Peter N. Kirsanow, Arlan Melendez, Ashley L. Taylor, and Michael Yaki. Kenneth L. Marcus is Staff Director. Commission meetings are open to the media and general public.

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