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Ann Fudge, Dr. Johnnetta Cole and Cathy Hughes Honored by the National Council of Negro Women at 8TH Annual Uncommon Height Awards Gala

WASHINGTON – It was all glitz and glamour at the 8th Annual Uncommon Height Awards Gala, which was held Tuesday night, March 21, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. This year, the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) honored Ms. Ann Fudge Chair and CEO of Young & Rubicam Brands, Dr. Johnnetta Cole President of Bennett College and Chair of United Way of America, and Ms. Cathy Hughes Founder & Chair of Radio One with the Uncommon Height Awards.

“I could not think of any better women to present these awards to tonight,” said Dr. Dorothy I. Height, chair and president emerita of NCNW, who will celebrate her 94th birthday on Thursday. “We are honoring them for their individual achievements and the significant contributions they have made to the rich history of African American women,” Dr. Height said.

The Uncommon Height Award is presented to the people who best exemplify the spirit and tradition of Dr. Height. A prominent figure in the Civil Rights Movement, Dr. Height has been instrumental in opening many doors for African Americans through her own lifetime of public service to others. The gala was co-chaired by Ted Childs, Jr. Vice President, Global Workforce Diversity IBM, Gala Chair and Donald J. Hall, Jr. President and CEO Hallmark Cards. Maureen Bunyan of ABC 7 News hosted the gala dinner and famed singer Oleta Adams sang in tribute to Dr. Height.

Proceeds from the Uncommon Height Awards Gala will go to help strengthen NCNW's capacity to meet the critical needs of African American women, and ensure the realization of the legacy embodied by the National Centers for African American Women and the Dorothy I. Height Leadership Institute.

"We thank those who have contributed to the success of this event and have made it possible for us to continue our efforts to empower all African American women," said NCNW executive director Cheryl R. Cooper.

About the National Council of Negro Women

The National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) is a council of national African American women's organizations and community-based sections. Founded in 1935, the NCNW mission is to lead, develop, and advocate for women of African descent as they support their families and communities. NCNW fulfills this purpose through research, advocacy, and national and community-based services and programs on issues of health, education, and economic empowerment in the United States and Africa. With its 39 national affiliates and more than 200 sections, NCNW is a 501(c)3 organization with an outreach to nearly four million women. For more information about NCNW, please call (202) 737 0120, or visit www.ncnw.org.

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