

The Judson Lyons Society – A Call To Give Back



Judson Whitlocke Lyons

Judson Lyons Society Resolution Honoring Attorney Howard Moore, Jr. on the Occasion of His 90th Birthday

WHEREAS Howard Moore, Jr. was born on February 28, 1932 in Atlanta, Georgia and was inspired by A.T. Walden, the iconic “Dean of Black Lawyers,” who he encountered on his newspaper route on Auburn Avenue;

WHEREAS Howard Moore, Jr. attended Morehouse College, where he studied Political Science under the esteemed scholar Dr. Robert Brisbane and was awarded a B.A. degree in 1954;

WHEREAS Howard Moore, Jr. obtained a LLB from Boston University School of Law in 1960 and thereafter distinguished himself as one of the first African-American law clerks in the federal judiciary, as clerk for United States District Court Judge Charles E. Wyzanski, Jr. of the District Court of Massachusetts;

WHEREAS Howard Moore, Jr. was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in 1961 but selflessly returned to Atlanta, Georgia in 1962 to become one of only ten African-Americans practicing law in the State of Georgia at that time;

WHEREAS Howard Moore, Jr. joined the legendary Civil Rights law firm of Hollowell and Ward, where he worked alongside Donald Hollowell, Horace Ward and Vernon Jordan on numerous significant Civil Rights cases;

WHEREAS Howard Moore, Jr. partnered with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund on the landmark Supreme Court victories of Georgia v. Peacock and Georgia v. Rachel;

WHEREAS Howard Moore, Jr. boldly represented Stokely Carmichael and other members of SNCC who were charged with insurrection following the September 1966 Atlanta riot which occurred after the police shooting of a Black man;

WHEREAS Howard Moore, Jr. successfully represented Julian Bond in his fight to be seated in the Georgia House of Representatives when that body sought to deny Bond the right to serve because of his opposition to the Vietnam War;

WHEREAS Howard Moore, Jr. relocated from Atlanta to Berkeley, California where he gained international acclaim for his successful defense of Angela Davis from 1971 through 1977;

WHEREAS Howard Moore, Jr. established the law firm of Moore and Moore in Oakland, California and has continued his decades long career as a stalwart champion of vindicating the rights of African-Americans;

WHEREAS Howard Moore, Jr. exemplifies the highest ideals and precepts of the **Judson Lyons Society**, whose namesake, Judson Whitlocke Lyons, was the first Morehouse Man to become a lawyer, and whose monumental achievements have been nobly emulated by Howard Moore, Jr.;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Judson Lyons Society** hereby honors **Howard Moore, Jr.** on the occasion of his 90th birthday and salutes his prodigious accomplishments through a courageous career dedicated to the liberation of our people. All Morehouse Men, all Men of Morehouse and all People of Good Will are encouraged to join in wishing Attorney Howard Moore, Jr. a **Happy 90th Birthday!**

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