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## **Press Release - Senator Edmund S. Muskie Reaffirms His Commitment to Full Justice for Black Americans**

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In a letter to Mr. Garth C. Reeves, Sr., President of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, Sen. Edmund S. Muskie reaffirms his commitment to full justice for Black Americans and pledges his continued "support and cooperation" to the NNPA, which is marking the 145th anniversary of the Black Press during the week of March 12-19.

Following is the full text of the Senator's letter.

Dear Mr. Reeves:

I pledge my continued support and cooperation to the National Newspaper Publishers Association, now celebrating the 145th anniversary of the Black Press.

Black newspapers have long stood out as a beacon of protest for the rights of a neglected people. The progress that Blacks have made is due in large measure to your vivid portrayal of the many injustices faced by Blacks in their attempts to achieve equality in America.

The service being performed by Black Newspapers today has become even more important now that Blacks are making their final push for full participation in American politics and equal opportunities in education, jobs and housing.

On the eve of this anniversary, I want to reaffirm my commitment to the implementation of full justice for all Americans--Blacks, Puerto-Ricans, Indians, and all others who are seeking a better way of life in our country.

I salute your efforts toward helping to improve our society, and hope that you and your associates will meet with continued success in the future.

Sincerely,

Edmund S. Muskie