



*"The Legend of the Freedom Tree"*

**U.S. Congressman  
Bennie G. Thompson to  
serve as Keynote Speaker  
during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
Community Service  
Awards Gala**



**Bennie G. Thompson**, now serving his eighth term as the Democratic Congressman from Mississippi's Second District and third term on the Homeland Security Committee has been confirmed as this year's Keynote Speaker for the Missouri City Juneteenth Celebration Foundation during their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Service Awards Gala.

Congressman Thompson has spent his entire adult life giving a voice to the voiceless. With 39 years of continuous public service, he is the longest-serving African-American elected official in the state of

Mississippi. His reputation as a no-nonsense problem solver has earned him the trust of his constituents and the respect of his colleagues in Washington.

The MCJCF is honored to have Congressman Thompson as the keynote speaker as he aids the foundation in recognizing these local leaders who have made significant contributions to the Ft. Bend community.

**Event Date: June 11, 2009  
Marriott Sugar Land Town Square**



**Wells Fargo Bank**

*"One team. Pulling together...for Communities."*

The Missouri City Juneteenth Celebration Foundation (MCJCF) long time supporter, **Wells Fargo** has announced it's commitment to continue their endorsement and support.

The foundation also welcomes a new community partner this year with the commitment of **H-E-B**. "We're very pleased to list H-E-B as one of our supporters this year" states Foundation Chairman, Don Smith

"Our foundation is very fortunate to have been able to retain the core of our supporters over the years and H-E-B's participation as a new partner illustrates the soundness of our foundation's efforts."

## MCJCF announces another stellar list of recipients for its 3rd Annual Community Service Awards Gala!!!

This year, the Missouri City Juneteenth Celebration Foundation will recognize a mix of individuals and organizations during its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual MCJCF Community Service Awards Gala.

The Gala serves as the flagship program of the Foundation as it endeavors to spotlight leaders who have made significant contributions within the Ft. Bend community.

This year's prestigious honorees are: the **Missouri City Chapter of the NAACP**, the **City of Kennelton, TX**, **Drs. Eric Tait and Claudine Johnson**, **Johnny Moutra** of the Barrington School and **Captain Paul "PJ" Matthews**, founder of the Buffalo Soldiers' Museum.

The Marriott Sugar Land Town Square will again host this year's elegant event. Attendance is expected to surpass last year's totals.

Both individual seats and corporate tables are available and on **SALE NOW!!!**

Contact the foundation at **281.582.8181** to secure your seating.

## MCJCF Festival "Block Party"

More information and updates coming soon on this new and exciting festival addition...

### "Vendor's Village"

Vending opportunities abound in

the following areas during the MCJCF Festival & Block Party:

*Food, Marketing and Arts & Crafts*

Please contact our office for details at 281.582.8181 x2 or visit us online at [www.MoCityJuneteenth.com](http://www.MoCityJuneteenth.com) for downloadable applications.

## Local Businessmen on Board!



Winston Labbe', George E. Johnson, & Michael Rose (Rod Harrell not shown)

On January 23, 2009 a luncheon was held to welcome new board members **Winston Labbe'** - Vice-President, Amegy Bank, **George E. Johnson** - CEO, George E. Johnson Development Company, **Michael Rose** - CEO, Michael W. Rose, CPA, PC and **Rod Herrell** - CEO, Precor Industries, LLC.

Chairman Don Smith presented the new members with "2009" scholarship fund objectives. "I recognized the **\$25,000** goal over last year's scholarships of \$10,000 is a lofty increase. However, I am confident; we the men in this room are capable of these kinds of feats."

The scholarships award ceremony is scheduled during the Annual Community Service Awards Gala on **June 11<sup>th</sup>** at the **Marriott Sugar Land Town Square**.



## Description of the Events

**Monday, June 8, 2009**

Golf Tournament  
Quail Valley Golf Club

**Thursday, June 11, 2009**

Historical Vignettes  
Freedom Tree Park, Lake Olympia

**Thursday, June 11, 2009**

Community Services  
Awards Banquet  
Marriott Town Square Hotel

**Friday, June 12, 2009**

**Saturday, June 13, 2009**  
3-on-3 Basketball  
Hunters Glen Park

**Friday, June 12, 2009**

Director's Soirée  
Location "TBD"

**Saturday, June 13, 2009**

Juneteenth Parade  
TX. Parkway (FM 2234)

**Saturday, June 13, 2009**

Battle of the Bands  
Hunters Glen Park

**Saturday, June 13, 2009**

Juneteenth Festival  
Hunters Glen Park

**Sunday, June 14, 2009**

Gospel Showcase

**PENDING**