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FLORIDA MEMORIAL HOSTS JUDGE WILKIE D. FERGUSON, JR. MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



Judge Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr.
(1938 – 2003)

MIAMI GARDENS, FL [MAY 3, 2007] – Members of the Florida Memorial University family are pleased to host the fourth annual Judge Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament, scheduled to take place on Friday, May 11, 2007 at the Country Club of Miami (6801 Miami Gardens Drive). Registration for the tournament will begin at 7:00 a.m. for participants and tee time is set for 8:00 a.m., which will include a round of golf, awards, door prizes, and a raffle. A complimentary reception and awards luncheon will be held in the dining room at 2:00 p.m for all participants following the tournament.

Judge Ferguson was one of the country's outstanding African-American jurists. Initially, he was appointed to the Miami-Dade Circuit Court and the Third District Court of Appeals later on in his career. When appointed to the federal bench, he became the second African-American judge in the southern district of Florida. This past February, Judge Ferguson became the first African-American judge to have a federal courthouse dedicated in his name— the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. United States Courthouse located in downtown Miami. He served on the Board of Trustees at Florida Memorial University for over two decades and as Chairman for ten years. Judge Ferguson was an ardent supporter and advocate for the University's growth and academic achievements throughout his lifetime and career. "This golf tournament is one way to continue the legacy of the late Judge's spirit by combining three things for which he was most passionate: golf, the community, and Florida Memorial University," stated Mr. Alphonso Burnside, Director of Administration Support Services at Florida Memorial and the coordinator of the golf tournament.

All proceeds from this event will benefit the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Scholarship Fund for students enrolled at Florida Memorial University, which was initially established in 2003. To obtain information regarding the registration process or sponsorship options, please call (305) 626-3668.

Located in the City of Miami Gardens, Florida Memorial University is a private, historically Black institution offering 41 undergraduate degree programs and 4 graduate degree programs to a culturally diverse student body. Since its inception in 1879, the university has upheld a commitment to providing a solid foundation for thousands of young people and opening doors to educational opportunities that may have otherwise been closed to them. As South Florida's ONLY Black university, it is widely recognized for being the birthplace of the Negro National Anthem, "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing." For more information, please contact the Office of Public Affairs at (305) 626-3624.