

IDESSA REDDEN

In appreciation of the important role you play as a relative child care provider, VOICES for Alabama's Children's Kids and Kin Program would like to honor you this Tuesday, May 8, 2001.

One Hundred Years From Now

One hundred years from now
It will not matter
What kind of car I drove,
What kind of house I lived in,
How much money I had in my bank account,
Nor what my clothes looked like.
But the world may be a little better
Because I was important in the life of a child.

Thank you for your contribution to Alabama's Children!

Acquanetta Poole

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Child Care Partner, Montgomery County

Marie Murry

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Child Care Partner, Montgomery County



Kids and Kin

Funded by the Alabama Department of Human Resources

A relative child care program of

VOICES
FOR ALABAMA'S CHILDREN

Dear Idessa,

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

We made it back home in one piece
(despite our mother's worries),
and are now overwhelmed with how much great information
we collected on our trip.

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us.
Junius' kids will no doubt benefit immensely from your stories about and insights
into the Civil Rights Movement.

It was a pleasure to meet all of you and learn from you ourselves.
We will keep you updated on our progress.

Thank you so much for taking so
much time with us. Your stories
were fascinating and you are a delightful
and inspiring person. You carry the
spirit of freedom with you and the
fact that you are still working for
it is a blessing for those of us who
are trying to carry on your work. You
really touched us both with your
stories. Please keep in touch and keep
up the good fight. with love,

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Apt. 64
New York, NY 10025
212-678-1244

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401 High Point Terrace
Memphis, TN 38122
901-323-0719
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The Southern Poverty Law Center
PRESENTS THIS AWARD OF APPRECIATION
TO

Idessa Redden

FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN THE
DEDICATION OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MEMORIAL

NOVEMBER FIFTH, NINETEEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE

Morris Dees, Executive Director

Morris Dees

"...UNTIL JUSTICE ROLLS DOWN LIKE WATERS
AND RIGHTEOUSNESS LIKE A MIGHTY STREAM. "

-Martin Luther King Jr. from the Book of Amos

Columbia University in the City of New York | New York, N.Y. 10027

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

420 West 118th Street

February 11, 1976

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to introduce Lamont H. Yeakey. Lamont is a graduate student in History at Columbia University. He is working on his Ph.D. and writing on the Montgomery Bus Boycott 1955-56.

Since I am a Montgomerian, I have become extremely interested in this research. My family lives on South Jackson Street. I am sure that you know the Rich family. I think I have given him the South Jackson perspective but he needs more than that to write a comprehensive analysis of the 'Bus Boycott'. I suggested to him that he interview you because you played a key role in that struggle.

Lamont is a serious scholar with a great sensitivity to the nuances of the black community. Hopefully, he will write a more comprehensive analysis of that part of our history. Your personal insights, reflections, anecdotes, etc., will be critical to his inquiry.

I can assure you that Lamont is competent, resourceful, honest and basically a good human being. I wouldn't have given him your name if I didn't feel strongly about him as a person and about the worthwhileness of his research.

Thank you for your cooperation. If there are any questions about him or the research, please feel free to write me, or call 212-280-3944.

Meanwhile, I hope to get to Montgomery again this summer. It is nice to get away from New York.

Sincerely,



Wilbur Rich
Assistant Professor

WR:LJB



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of THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

October 29, 1976

Miss Idessa Williams
1010 Bragg Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Miss Williams:

I trust that you and your family are well.

I am a history teacher doing research on the Montgomery bus boycott of 1955-56, and I am requesting your assistance in the research I am conducting.

Because of your involvement, several people have suggested that I talk with you regarding the bus boycott. There are several ways in which you may be able to aid me:

1.) I would like to have a taped interview with you regarding your role in the bus boycott.

2.) I would like to see any papers or records you have pertinent to the boycott - materials that would further illuminate this event.

3.) I would appreciate having the names, addresses, and introductions if possible to other persons active in the boycott.

I plan to be in Montgomery the first part of November. When I arrive, I will give you a call. Perhaps then, we can arrange a time when it would be convenient for us to meet. Because I am on academic leave, forward all correspondence to my home address: 150 Claremont Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10027.

I thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Lamont H. Yeakey
Lamont H. Yeakey

LHY:cc

PS. Enclosed is a letter of reference from a friend and advisor, Professor Rich.

Certificate of Appreciation

Presented to

Ms Idessa Redden

this day:

December 16, 2002

This Certificate of Appreciation is presented to those caring American's who, through their loyal and steadfast support of The Law Enforcement Legal Defense Fund, are dedicated to protecting those who protect. Your commitment is critical to providing justice for all of America's law enforcement officers.

With deepest gratitude:

David H. Martin

David H. Martin
Chairman



Alfred S. Regnery

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Treasurer



Certificate of Award

This Certifies That

Mrs. Idessa Williams Redding

In Recognition of Distinguished Achievement in

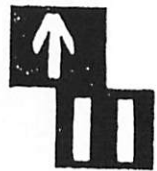
Community Involvement

*and by Recommendation of the Committee on Awards
has been Granted this Certificate.*

Given at Operation M-PAC 1st Annual this 21 day of July 19 79
Banquet & Conference

Freda Lee For

President



EFFORT

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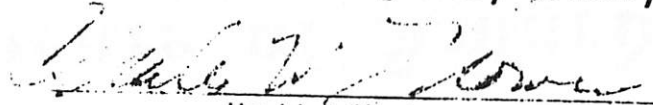
IDESSA WILLIAMS

*Has put forth his/her best effort throughout the year to improve his work.
In recognition of such accomplishment this*

CERTIFICATE

is granted this 11th *day of* February, 1974
*for faithful service in the Headstart Program in Montgomery County,
Alabama.*

CHARLES W. THOMAS
Chairman of Policy Council


Headstart Director

Component Supervisor

OFFICE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT



Child Development Division H.E.W.

Region IV — Montgomery Headstart Unit

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

Certificate Of Appreciation

in recognition of participation in an valuable contribution to

Headstart Program

This Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation is presented

to

Mrs. Ida Mae Williams

for

Charles W. Thomas
Head Start Director

State of Alabama
House of Representatives

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

Resolution

H. R. 632

By Mr. Holmes (A)

CITING MRS. IDESSA WILLIAMS OF
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA FOR GOOD CITIZENSHIP

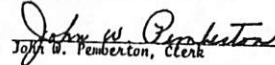
WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the Alabama Legislature is pleased to recognize those individuals who have greatly contributed to the welfare and well-being of the State of Alabama and all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Idessa Williams of Montgomery, Alabama, is one such model citizen who has devoted much of her life in serving others, actively participating in the civic, fraternal, religious and charitable affairs of her community, county and state to afford a better life for all; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ALABAMA LEGISLATURE, That we hereby highly praise and commend Mrs. Idessa Williams of Montgomery, Alabama, for outstanding community service and for her superior leadership in the civic, fraternal, religious and charitable areas of community life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Mrs. Williams receive a copy of this resolution as but a token of our appreciation, praise and esteem.

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Alabama on this the 13th day of April, 1978.



John W. Pemberton, Clerk



THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
DISTRICT V

Certificate of Appreciation Presented to

ODESSA REDDEN

For Outstanding Leadership, Commitment, Support
and Dedicated Service to
the Alabama State Board of Education, District V.

Presented this 7TH day of FEBRUARY 19 82




W. J. PAUL
Representative
Alabama State Board of Education
DISTRICT V



In the Name and By the Authority of the

STATE OF ALABAMA

I, Don Siegelman, Secretary of State, do hereby present this

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

TO

IDESSA WILLIAMS REDDEN

In Recognition of Your Interest and Service in the Areas of Voting Rights and Civil Rights, through Your Work in the Montgomery Community and the Nation as a Whole.



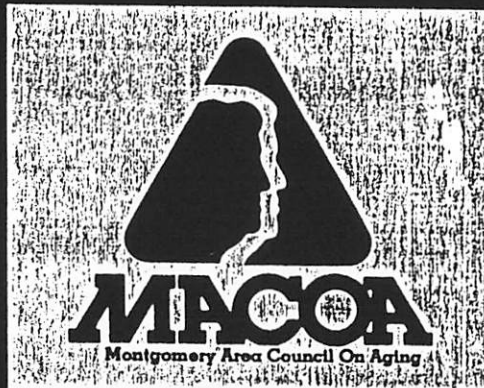
In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Alabama, at the Capitol, City of Montgomery, on this day.

Date

January 14, 1983

Don Siegelman
Don Siegelman, Secretary of State

Councilman Mark Gilmore
Councilman Mark Gilmore



SENIORS OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
PRESENTED TO
IDESSA WILLIAMS REDDEN
WITH DEEP APPRECIATION
FOR A LIFETIME OF
COMMUNITY SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT
MAY 15, 1990

Emancipation Proclamation Celebration Committee

Montgomery, Alabama

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

This certificate is hereby awarded to

Mrs. Idessa Williams

for loyal and patriotic service as a fearless freedom fighter, courageous advocate of justice and equality, a tireless worker in the area of voter registration and the quest for first-class citizenship.

In witness thereof, we hereto affixed our signatures this first day of January in the year of our Lord, nineteen and sixty-eight at Montgomery, Alabama,

Rev. Felix Janner
Chairman, Awards and Citations Committee

Louvenia Roddie Green
President

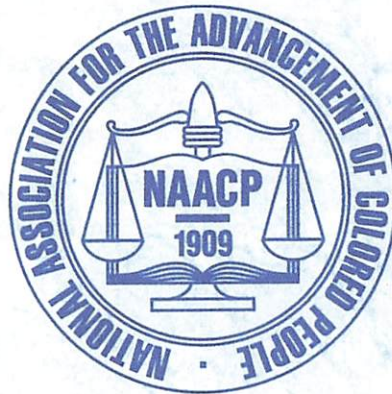
J. R. Carr
Recording Secretary

Certificate of Recognition

With appreciation for an extraordinary commitment to civil rights and the principle of equal opportunity and justice for all, the Board of Directors of the NAACP recognizes

Idessa Redden

*as a Supporter of the NAACP in good standing.
Declared and certified January 1, 2004 by:*



Julian Bond
Julian Bond, Chairman

SPECIAL
HONOR

Certificate of Recognition

PRESENTED TO

IDESSA REDDEN

FOR

SERVICES RENDERED TO HEAD START

FROM

HEAD START POLICY COUNCIL

MAY 8, 1980

DATE

Barbara Jemison
P. C. President

HEAD START

SOCIAL SERVICE

The Montgomery County Branch NAACP
ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING
FREEDOM AWARD

Certificate of Award

This certifies that the

Montgomery County Branch NAACP
Montgomery, Alabama

Acknowledges with Appreciation

Mrs. Odessa Williams

For outstanding services during the Freedom Rights and Bus Protest of the Fifties.

James H. Henshaw
President
Ethel W. Jefferson
Secretary

November 27, 1976



Certificate of Appreciation

Awarded To

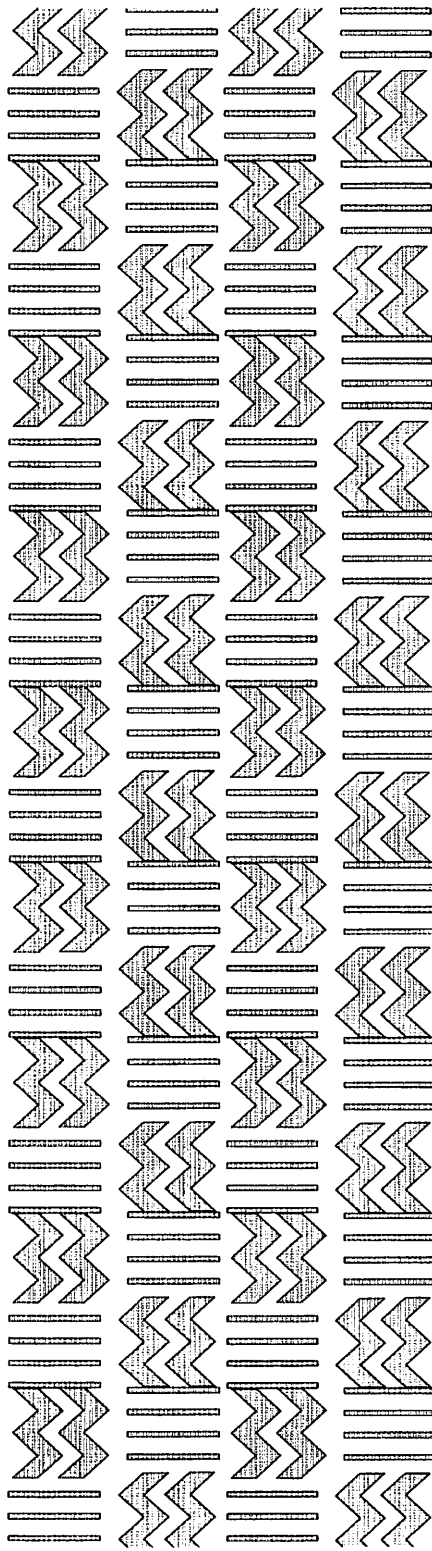
MRS. IDESSA WILLIAMS

In grateful recognition for outstanding voluntary service rendered to humanity in its struggle for the prevention and relief of human suffering caused by crippling diseases.

Wm. L. Monahan
Chapter Chairman

Frank B. Whitfield
Campaign Director

Gunnik Sandy



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

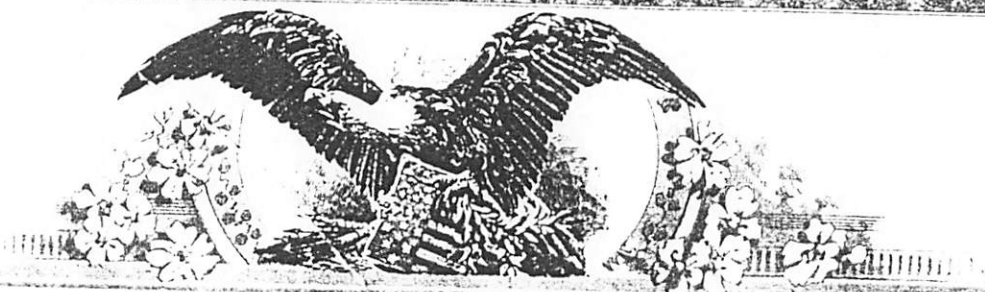
Mrs. Idessa Redden

*for your wonderful participation on the
St. Jude Catholic Church
Black History Month Celebration Program.*

February 21, 1999

JS Berl - B. J. Mathis

Angela J. Davis



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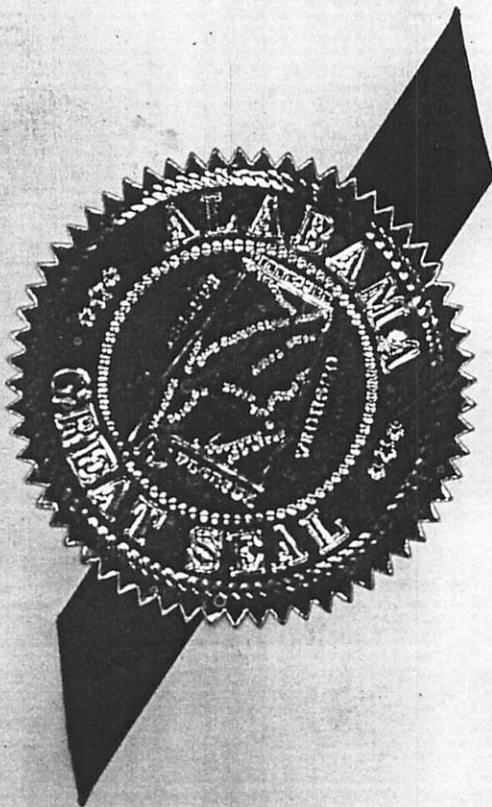
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State of Alabama COMMENDATION By the Governor

WHEREAS, Idessa Redden was a valuable employee at the Montgomery Community Action Head Start; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Redden is recognized for her dedication and long hours of service; and

WHEREAS, the staff of Montgomery Community Action Head Start admires and respects Ms. Redden for her care and concern for children; and

WHEREAS, her commitment and dedication to the community has been invaluable as a freedom fighter, community activist and family service worker; and

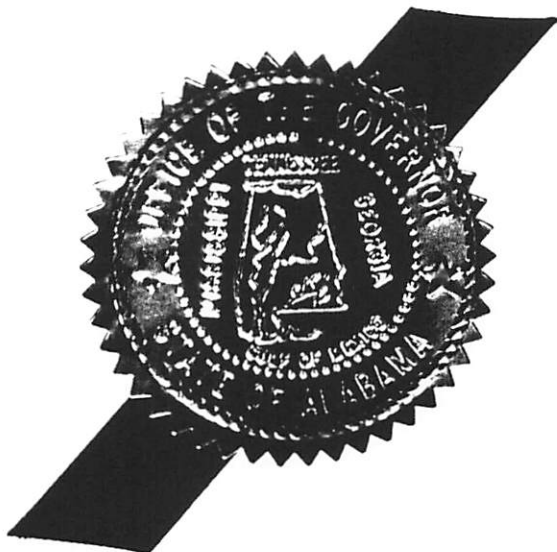
WHEREAS, her generous service has touched the lives of many of Alabama's precious children; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Redden is due significant recognition for her outstanding work at the Montgomery Community Action Head Start and in the community:

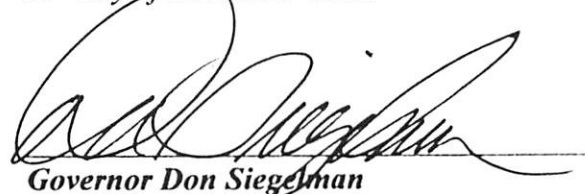
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Don Siegelman, Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby commend

Idessa Redden

for her many contributions to the Montgomery Community Action Head Start and express my best wishes upon the occasion of naming the Early Head Start Center – The Idessa Redden Early Childhood Development Center.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Great Seal of the Governor's Office at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 20th day of November 2001.


Governor Don Siegelman



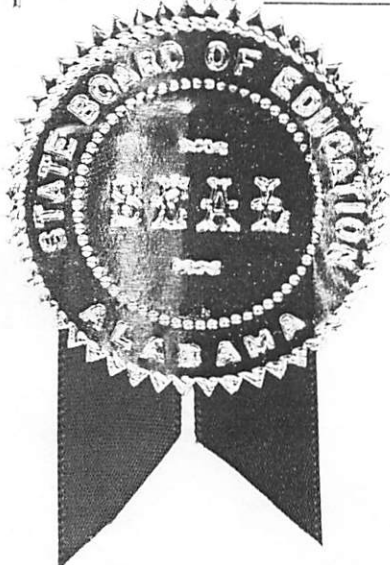
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