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## Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame

The Commission is accepting nominations for the state's first ever Hall of Fame to honor civil and human rights heroes!

**Tallahassee** – The Florida Commission on Human Relations (Commission) is now accepting nominations for the Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame, which was signed into law last year. **The deadline is April 15, 2011.** The judges will be looking for individuals who have made significant contributions and provided leadership toward Florida's progress and achievements in human and civil rights.

"We are so pleased that the Commission has been appointed to implement the state's first ever Civil Rights Hall of Fame. This program will honor leaders and advocates who have tirelessly worked to protect the rights of various populations throughout Florida," said Derick Daniel, Commission Executive Director. "It is extremely important to honor the trailblazers who came before us and use their heroic stories as a way to educate and empower our next generation."

Contributions of nominees can include community empowerment, legislative advocacy, grassroots organizing, coalition building, authored publications, organizational leadership, private and governmental entity diversity efforts and multicultural educational initiatives in any area of human and civil rights or related areas. Please visit <a href="http://fchr.state.fl.us/outreach/florida\_civil\_rights\_hall\_of\_fame">http://fchr.state.fl.us/outreach/florida\_civil\_rights\_hall\_of\_fame</a> to view the rules, criteria, nomination form and other relevant information.

The Florida Commission on Human Relations, established in 1969, is the state agency charged with administering the Florida Civil Rights Act and Fair Housing Act. Fair treatment, equal access and mutual respect are the benchmarks of the Commission's commitment. Through education and partnerships, the Commission works to prevent discrimination and costly litigation through teaching best business practices and fostering understanding amongst Floridians.

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