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General Russel Honore' Keynote Speaker for Louisiana Justice Institute Revius Ortique Civil Rights Awards Banquet Thursday

(New Orleans, LA) -- Retired Lt. General Russel Honore' will deliver the keynote address at the Justice Revius O. Ortique, Jr., Civil Rights Awards Banquet presented by the Louisiana Justice Institute on Thursday, August 26, 2010, at 7pm in the University Ballroom at Xavier University.

"We are grateful that Gen. Honore' join us to honor Civil Rights Leaders who have stood on the frontlines in the fight for social justice, and they are devoted to the protection of civil rights, said Tracie Washington, Co-Director of the Louisiana Justice Institute. The Civil Rights Vanguard Award honorees for 2010 are:

- U.S. Representative Maxine Waters (D-CA),
- Mrs. Oleta Fitzgerald, Director, Southern Regional Office, Children's Defense Fund,
- Mrs. Shirley Sherrod, former U.S. Department of Agriculture official
- Mr. Alden McDonald, founding President and CEO, Liberty Bank and Trust Co.
- Bishop Charles Jenkins (Ret., Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana),
- Rev. Tyrone Edwards (Zion Travelers Cooperative Center, Phoenix, Louisiana),
- Mrs. Mary Joseph, Director, Children's Defense Fund Louisiana Office,
- Attorney Bill Quigley (Center for Constitutional Rights),
- Mr. Jerome Smith (Treme' Community Center),
- Mr. Don Hubbard (civic and business leader), and
- The Katrina Citizens Leadership Corps.

"It is especially appropriate that Gen. Honore' will be our speaker on the historic fifth anniversary of Hurricane Katrina," Washington added.

General Honore', commander of Joint Task Force Katrina, is credited with restoring order in the chaotic wake of Hurricane Katrina, and for coordinating military relief efforts for Hurricane Katrina-affected areas across the entire Gulf Coast before launching the region's recovery from the epic disaster that followed Katrina. A native of Pointe Coupee Parish, General Honore' is a graduate of Southern University and earned a Master of Arts degree from Troy State University. He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Public Administration from Southern University. He retired from 34 years of military service after serving with distinction in a variety of command positions in South Korea, Germany and Washington, DC, and currently resides in southeast Louisiana. General Honore' is the author of the highly acclaimed book, *Survival: How Being Prepared Can Keep You and Your Family Safe*.

Tickets and sponsorships are still available for event online at: www.louisianajusticeinstitute.org or by calling (504) 872-9134.

The Louisiana Justice Institute (LJI) is a nonprofit, civil rights legal advocacy organization, devoted to fostering social justice campaigns across Louisiana for communities of color and for impoverished communities. LJI understands that as a state-based civil rights organization, it can and must serve as an agent for social change in Louisiana. Its creation is responsive to a specific and urgent need to resurrect capacity for statewide, systemic, legal advocacy on behalf of those most in need of assistance - Louisiana's minority and poor residents.

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