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## MEDIA ADVISORY

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(Louisville, KY) Renowned sculptor and author **Ed Hamilton** will be honored in New Orleans, LA at the 2010 Human and Civil Rights Awards Dinner. Hamilton has been selected to receive the *National Education Association's 2010 Carter G. Woodson Memorial Award*. Hamilton, a Louisville, Kentucky native was chosen for this prestigious award for his efforts in the human and civil rights realm.

Hamilton's latest project was dedicated during Black History Month this year. He was commissioned to sculpt the first African American Supreme Court Judge in Kentucky. Hamilton's sculpture of Judge William McAnulty is in the State Capitol in Frankfort, KY. Other projects on Hamilton's resume include the African American Civil War Memorial also known as the Spirit of Freedom in Washington, D.C. On Memorial Day of 2009 President Barack Obama laid a wreath at the site. Hamilton was the first African American sculptor to ever have a major art piece placed on federal land anywhere in the District of Columbia. The memorial lists over 200,000 names of colored soldiers who served in the Civil War.

Another sculpture Hamilton created was unveiled on June 4 2009 along the Ohio River in downtown Louisville. A 12 foot statue of the 16<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, plus four bas reliefs that highlight the different stages of Lincoln's life including his rich history in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Lincoln, a native of Hodgenville, Kentucky moved to Indiana, served as a lawyer in Illinois, and was elected to serve as president of the United States. Lincoln pushed for the end of slavery during his presidential term. The site includes an amphitheater with granite seating carved with famous quotes from Lincoln.

Other memorials to Hamilton credit include: The Booker T. Washington Memorial in Hampton, VA, Joe Louis Memorial in Detroit, MI and The Amistad Memorial in New Haven, CT. To see a complete list go to [www.edhamiltonworks.com](http://www.edhamiltonworks.com)

**Ed Hamilton** will accept the 2010 Carter G. Woodson Memorial Award on July 2, 2010, in the Grand Ballroom of the Convention Center, New Orleans, LA. For additional information in regards to the National Education Association go to their website at [www.nea.org.hcraawards](http://www.nea.org.hcraawards).

If you would like to setup an interview, an appearance or to setup a meeting to discuss future projects with **Ed Hamilton** please contact Sherlene Shanklin @ VIP Communications at 502-295-0435 or email us at [sshanklin@vipcommunications.com](mailto:sshanklin@vipcommunications.com) for availability.

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