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**Clerk Brown and The Clerk's African American Employees Committee
Honor African American Community Treasures At
Annual African American History Event**

CHICAGO (March 4, 2008) In a celebration of the achievements of African Americans who have made significant contributions to the community, **the Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County**, and the Clerk's Office African-American Employees' Committee (AAEC) honored eight individuals on Tuesday, February 26, 2008, during the ninth Annual African American History Month program, titled "African American Community Treasures."

"Today the Clerk's Office is proud to honor eight individuals who have contributed to the betterment of society through their own personal sacrifice and commitment to making a difference," said Clerk Brown.

Honorable Justice John O. Steele served as master of ceremonies and Reverend Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright Jr., Senior Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ, delivered the opening and closing prayers.

In addition to the awards ceremony, guests were entertained by the Clerk of the Circuit Court (CCC) Ensemble, with special performances by the winners of an AAEC Talent Contest.



Pictured (L to R) - Clerk Brown is joined by honorees **Ronald and Annette Holt**, the parents of slain teenager Blair Holt; **Kay Murray**, a former Clerk's Office employee and AAEC member; **Rev. Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr.**, Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ; **LeeAnn Trotter**, entertainment reporter for NBC5 Chicago; **Denise Stroud**, the wife of honoree **Mark Stroud**, a Purple Heart Veteran; and Ronald Wade, President of the AAEC.

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