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**CLERK DOROTHY BROWN REMEMBERS DOROTHY HEIGHT
AS A CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST, EDUCATOR AND AUTHOR**

I am greatly saddened to experience the loss of the iconic civil rights activist Dorothy Height, who began fighting for equal rights in 1933, and remained active in the struggle throughout her life, recently participating in a summit on race and the economy with President Barack Obama.

We were all blessed to have had a woman as determined and courageous as Dorothy Height, who established so many milestones in our country's evolution towards equal rights for women, African-Americans, and other marginalized people. Known to many as the "Godmother" of the civil rights movement, she was a dynamic woman with the compassion, intelligence and confidence to move a nation.

From the tender age of 21, Dorothy committed herself to reforming unjust systems in our country. She was an organizer who was selected by Mary McLeod Bethune to join the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), of which Height would become its fourth national President, serving in this role position from 1957 – 1998, and, in the process, becoming a role model for millions of people worldwide who were interested in social action and civil rights.

Dorothy Height was a courageous trailblazer, leading the charge for justice and championing civil and social causes ahead of the masses. She worked for human rights globally and locally. She was indefatigable in her quest to achieve parity for women and African Americans in our country.

Dorothy Height's dedication to the cause for equality was lauded with many honors, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1994 and the Congressional Gold Medal in 2004. Her contribution to our society is unmatched. A woman who so greatly enhanced the quality of life for so many people will be sorely missed.

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