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## **Twelve Living Legends to Be Inducted into Legend's Hall of Fame: *Two Corporate Leading Ladies Help Undergird the Atlanta Business League's Effort***

**(Atlanta, GA – August 17, 2007)** As the Atlanta Business League (ABL) continues to serve as a resilient source of advocacy for small and minority business, all roads will lead to the Atlanta Marriott Marquis on Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of hosting the very first Men of Influence reception. Among the evening's activities is an induction ceremony, wherein 12 living legends will be inducted into the Legend's Hall of Fame. They are:

- Henry Aaron
- The Honorable Judge Robert Benham
- Jesse Hill
- The Honorable Congressman John Lewis
- Rev. Joseph Lowery
- Herman Russell
- Dr. David Satcher
- Dr. Louis Sullivan
- Rev. C. T. Vivian
- Felker Ward
- The Honorable Horace Ward
- Ambassador Andrew Young

Beginning with a reception at 6:00 p.m. and followed by a pinning ceremony and Hall of Fame Induction at 7:00 p.m., the ABL will also acknowledge men who are meaningfully serving the needs of the community, yet who may not always receive the recognition that they so greatly deserve. The night will also feature the posthumous presentation of the Legacy Award to the late Maynard Holbrook Jackson. His wife, Valerie Jackson, will accept the award in his honor.

The Honorary Chairs for the evening are Lisa Hamilton, President, UPS Foundation and Scarlet Pressley-Brown, General Manager of Delta Air Lines. The ladies collectively note, "The Men of Influence is an excellent initiative. The work the honorees have done, and continue to do, is exemplary within itself, and we warmly embraced the opportunity to join forces with the ABL to help illuminate their work. We salute all of the men for their tremendous efforts." The corporate community often supports the efforts of the ABL. To date, the sponsors include the Atlanta Marriott Marquis, Delta Air Lines, H.J. Russell & Company, and UPS.

For registration and ticket information, visit the ABL online at [www.AtlantaBusinessLeague.org](http://www.AtlantaBusinessLeague.org), or call the office at (404) 584-8126.

*An affiliate of the oldest National Advocacy Organization founded by Booker T. Washington, the ABL celebrates a legacy of empowering small and minority businesses to new levels of excellence and growth.*

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