

Praise for Dr. Thomas F. Freeman

"Dr. Freeman's devotion serves as an example of hard work and leadership and is an inspiration for others."

-PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH
2002 The White House

"He stretches your mind. He places you on your own, [helps] you stand on your own feet, think, and open your mouth and talk."

-CONGRESSWOMAN BARBARA JORDAN
1992 New York Times

"Dr. Freeman's life long work at TSU as an educator and debate coach is a testament to his ability to train young minds for future success."

-COUNCIL MEMBER JARVIS JOHNSON
2009 Forward Times

"Dr. Freeman is a quintessential leader, dynamic orator and visionary leader. Without hesitation I believe he is by far one of the greatest speakers I have ever heard. I am honored, truly honored, that I am just a much a part of his legacy as he is mine."

-TERRICK BROWN, educator and speaker



Joie Rasberry is an accomplished speaker, author, speechwriter, entrepreneur, actress and radio personality. She graduated from Houston's High School for the Performing and Visual Arts (Theatre) and went on to attend Southwestern Christian College (Biblical Studies) and Texas Southern University (Communications & Broadcast Journalism). Rasberry competed with the award-winning, internationally renowned Texas Southern University Debate Team, served as debate team president, and went on to win the title of Miss TSU. Today, she acts as one of the speech & debate coaches at Texas Southern University. Rasberry has one book to her credit, *From Jensen Drive to Pennsylvania Avenue*. Her second book, *More Than Half a Century*, was conceived as a creative way for her and other former debaters to forever give back to the Texas Southern University Debate Team. Rasberry has had published articles in *Ebony*, *Essence*,

Contemporary Christian Woman, *The Revivalist*, as well as other national publications. Rasberry is a member of the American Women in Radio and Television, Toastmasters Inc., National Speakers Association, National Thespan Society, Alpha Lambda Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta Forensic Honor Society, National Parliamentary Debate Association, and the National Association of Black Journalist.



MORE THAN HALF A CENTURY THOMAS F. FREEMAN

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MORE THAN HALF A CENTURY

Dr. Thomas F. Freeman's Legacy

Uplifting a New Generation of Leaders

"It's not about trophies and awards. It's the joy of seeing a young person evolve into greatness. That's what drives me."



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THOMAS F. FREEMAN

Celebrating 60 Years of Legendary Service

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