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Dorothy Height Stamp Dedication

The North Carolina Chapter of the Ebony Society of Philatelic Events and Reflections (ESPER) and the Seniors in the Spotlight Stamp Club (SSSC) of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, in partnership with the local chapters of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) and Delta Sigma Theta (DST) Sorority, Incorporated are sponsoring a Stamp Dedication Ceremony of the Forever postage stamp honoring Dorothy Height released on February 1, 2017. The ceremony will take place at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 3400 Beatties Ford Road, on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 from 10:30 am-12 o'clock noon. Residents of Charlotte and surrounding cities are invited and encouraged to attend.

This stamp is the 40th in the Black Heritage Series which began in 1978 with the issuance of a stamp honoring Harriet Tubman. Following Tubman came releases of images on postage stamps honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Benjamin Banneker, Whitney Young, Jackie Robinson, Scott Joplin, Carter G. Woodson, and Mary McCloud Bethune, to name a few. A stamp is issued annually, usually in February which is Black History Month, in recognition of an African American icon. The Black Heritage Series is the longest running commemorative series in U.S. Postal history.



Dorothy Height (1912-2010) dedicated her life to fighting for racial and gender equality. She worked tirelessly with Dr. Martin L. King, Jr., A. Philip Randolph, Roy Wilkins, Whitney Young, John Lewis, and James Farmer, a group often referred to as the “Big Six” of the Civil Rights Movement. Although Height never received the recognition given her male counterparts, she was among the most notable civil rights activists of the 20th century. Height served as President of the National Council of Negro Women for more than forty years and was the tenth National President (1947-1956) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. Height received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1994 and the Congressional Gold Medal in 2004.

The Charlotte Postmaster Le Gretta Ross-Rawlins will unveil the stamp and make remarks.