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FACES BEHIND THE HEADLINES

Charles Hamilton Houston, a visionary but little known black lawyer, was thought by some to be "the man who killed Jim Crow." The first black editor of the Harvard Law Review, dean of Howard University Law School and chief counsel to the NAACP, Houston launched a number of precedent-setting cases leading up to *Brown v. Board of Education*, and energized a generation of black jurists including future Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall to wage the struggle against segregation. To learn more about Houston visit [The Road to Brown](#).

MAKE THE LINK TO THE BROWN ANNIVERSARY COMMISSION

This is the 7th edition of the *Brown Briefs* designed to inform the public of ongoing activities related to the 50th anniversary of the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision. If you are a member of an organization, university or institution with a website, we encourage you to add our logo--and include a link so others can sign up to receive the *Brown Briefs*.

SPECIAL BROWN EVENTS

March 18 - 21, 2004, Hood College, Frederick, Maryland. Explore what this landmark decision has meant to individual communities and the nation as a whole, what progress has been made, and what remains to be done in ensuring access and equity to all. The conference will include:

- Dynamic Speakers and Book Signings
- Historical Exhibits
- Civil Rights Tours of Frederick, Md.
- Competitive Scholarship Opportunities for Students



Please visit [Hood College](#) for details about the conference schedule, speakers, scholarships, case history, accommodations, directions and contact information.

MIXED MEDIA MENTIONS OF BROWN...

Throughout the year, thousands of media outlets will focus on the 50th anniversary of 1954 *Brown v. Board* decision. The Commission invites you to read beyond the headlines,

such as:

["Desegregation case is focus of play"](#) (The State Newspaper, South Carolina).

COMMISSIONER PROFILE

As General Counsel of the NAACP since 1990, Dennis Hayes directs the organization's legal program, monitors the legal activities of 2,200 NAACP units, reviews all legally binding documents, serves as Secretary to the Board of Directors and supervises a staff of twenty-five. Commissioner Hayes received his Juris Doctor from Indiana University in 1977.



"Notwithstanding what had been America's dismal record on race, in Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas, America finally grew up, got it right at last, and mandated for this country the value of equality for all men and women that would allow America to become a world voice with credibility and the moral authority to truly lead."

INTERESTING *BROWN* LINKS

- [Old Dominion University](#)
- [Humanities Council of Washington, DC](#)
- [UNC Chapel Hill Institute of African American Studies](#)

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