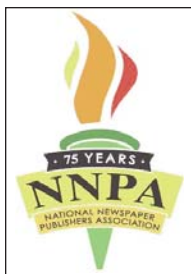
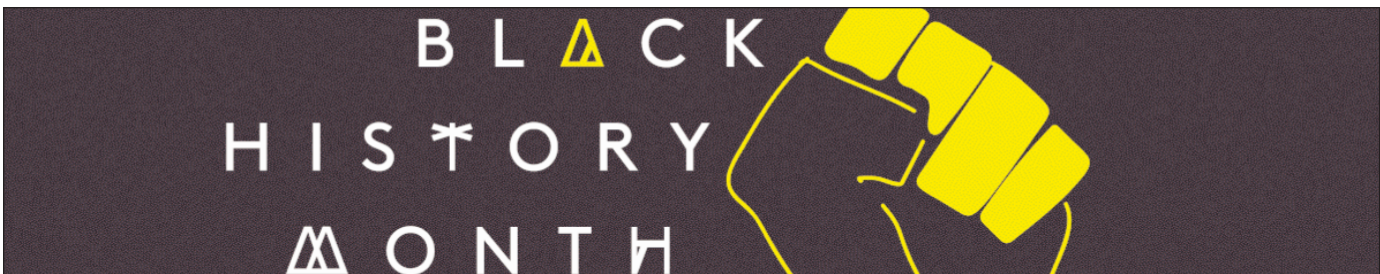


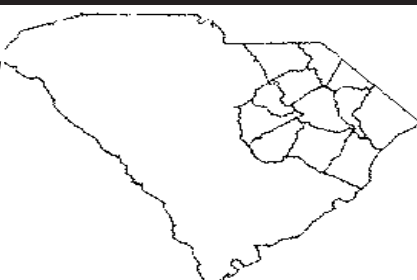


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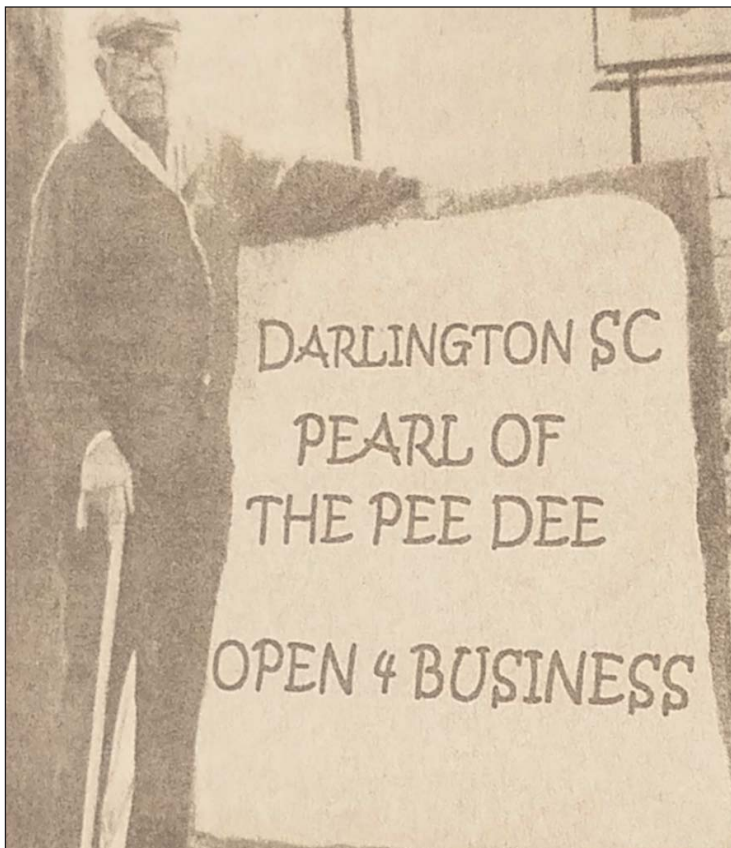
This African American History Month We Honor The “Voices of Change” Who Made Inclusion Work



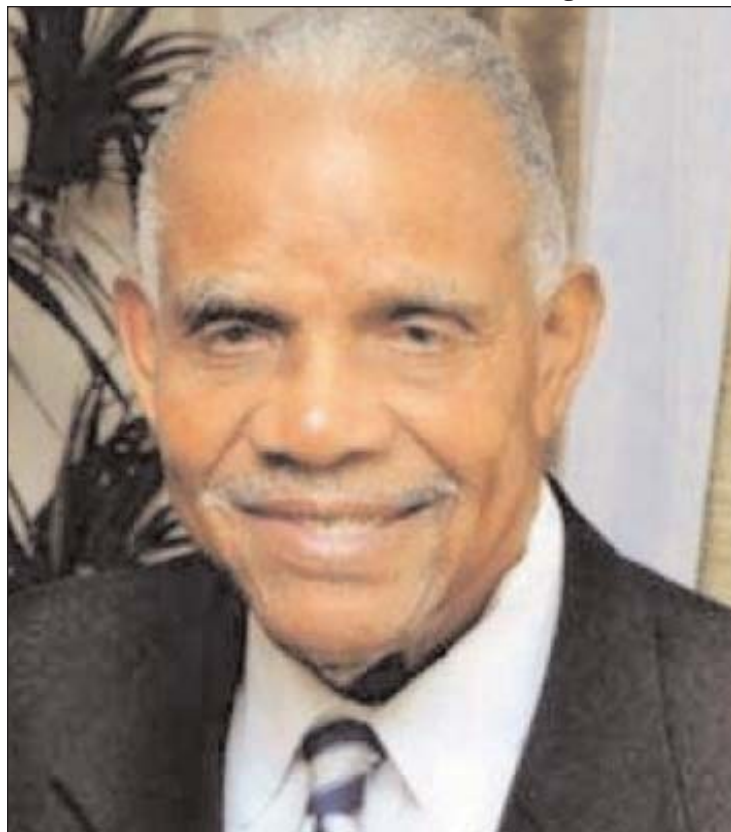
Sen. Hugh Leatherman



Bobby Jolley



Arthur W “Man” Stanley



Rev. Dr. William P. Diggs



Dr. R. N. Beck

This African American History Month, we celebrate the true voices of change in our communities. These are the people who have spoken about the needs of all of the citizens of our region, regardless of race or political party. Their voices have for decades been heard at the front-line of growth and development because they were speaking up and speaking out.

These five leaders represent the best of our communities because they made the choice to be the voice of the people. Because of them, we have a new light for hope and prosperity. This light continues to create opportunities and development in what is now one of the fastest-growing regions not only in South Carolina but also in the Southeastern United States.

This African American History Month, we glow in the light of these voices of inclusion who have worked and continue to work for a better quality of life

while putting their own lives and careers on the line.

Please join us as we honor and thank these community servants for lives well spent and jobs well done.

Hugh Leatherman

President Pro Tempore Finance Committee Chairman
Hugh K. Leatherman was born and raised on a farm in Lincoln County, North Carolina, where, at a very early age, he learned the value of a hard day's work. After graduating from the area's public high school, he enrolled at North Carolina State University. During his time in college, he learned the importance of science and mathematics. He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Science and Civil Engineering. After college, Hugh moved to Florence, South Carolina.

Hugh began his career in public service in 1967, when he was elected to the Quinby Town Council. From 1971 to 1976,

Hugh served as Mayor Pro Tempore of the Town of Quinby. He was elected to the South Carolina Senate on November 4, 1980.

Through his service in local and state offices, Hugh has become a valuable asset to the Pee Dee region, as he has served the Florence area for more than 30 years. Currently, Hugh serves as the chairman of the powerful Senate Finance Committee, and participates on the Senate Ethics, Interstate Cooperation, Labor, Commerce and Industry, Rules, State House, and Transportation committees. Hugh serves as one of the five members on the State Budget and Control Board, which oversees the state's financial dealings on a monthly basis. He also serves on the South Carolina Research Authority Board of Directors. In each of these positions, Hugh has been very influential in securing various state funds for many infrastructure and economic develop-

ment projects throughout the Pee Dee region. These projects are vital to the community.

For his many years of leadership, service, and dedication to the people of the Pee Dee region and the state of South Carolina, numerous organizations and institutions have graciously honored him. Most notably, he has received an Honorary Doctorate from Francis Marion University, the College of Charleston, the Medical University of South Carolina, The Citadel, Coastal Carolina University, The University of South Carolina, Clemson University, Lander University, South Carolina State University, Wofford College, and Winthrop University.

Hugh is married to Jean Leatherman, and they have six children and five grandchildren. Senator and Mrs. Leatherman are members of Central United Methodist Church in Florence.

Freddie Jolley

Freddie Jolley arrived in Florence, South Carolina, from

Jackson, Mississippi, on August 24, 1974. This was at a time when South Carolina, like most southern states, was battling changes in its education system and social change was at our doorsteps as integration was the order of the day. Young voices were speaking out for change, including those entered into law by the 1965 Voter Rights Act.

Freddie Jolley joined activists from across South Carolina, including Jesse Taylor from Orangeburg, South Carolina, Arthur “Man” Stanley from Darlington, South Carolina, James Redfern II from Columbia, South Carolina, Mary Miles from St. Matthews, South Carolina, and a later arrival to the cause, Kevin Alexander Gray from Spartanburg, South Carolina. Together and separately, they organized, marched, and protested for the rights of poor and underserved communities.

Like his associates, Freddie has always been outspoken on the issues of fair housing, low-income housing, voter rights, civil rights, and human rights. Bobby started his career in Florence, South Carolina, working in community outreach for The American Friends Service Committee. After three years, he moved to the Florence County Office Economic Opportunity where he stayed until he took a job with the Pee Dee Community Action Partnership where he still serves today as a provider of services to youth and adults in our region.

In his years in Florence, he was an activist standing for what is right and fair for others. He was an advocate for children in Florence School District 1 that were suspended or expelled. He was also an advocate for minors that were arrested. Many nights Mr. Jolley woke to go to the jail to stand with minors. After the Oakland Ave. market owner shot at a child, he organized the community to get justice.

Mr. Jolley worked with the

NAACP in his early years. He was also active in elections to get people into office who he felt would be an advocate for the community regardless of party lines. His goal was to help people that could not help themselves. His work was never about personal gain but the betterment of the community.

Mr. Jolley has accomplished so much in his 50 years in Florence. He along with Mr. Ed Robinson started the first Martin Luther King Day March in Florence. He is the primary reason for the Florence Transitional Shelter. Mr. Jolley has served on the board of the Florence Airport and as its interim Director.

Arthur “Man” W. Stanley

Arthur W. Stanley, a leader in the civil rights movement, is also a leader among leaders. Arthur was nick named “Man” due to his exemplary characteristics as a strong black male. His dedication and commitment to equality for all began his life's journey. He served as the president of the Darlington branch of the NAACP for over 20 years. During his tenure, he led the fight to desegregate the Darlington County School District. As a leader, Arthur led the Darlington County Movement for equal educational opportunities for all students after the school desegregation decision passed on May 17, 1954.

Arthur attempted to enroll his children in an all-white school but they were denied. So he filed a lawsuit against the Darlington County School District. This lawsuit was among the first successful lawsuits against discrimination in both South Carolina and the nation. This tenacious commitment to the movement had repercussions. His life and his family were threatened with bodily harm. They had to bear arms for protection. Then his business was attacked. He still refused to give up the fight or withdraw his lawsuit. Due to his determination and perseverance, in 1970, the Supreme Court handed down a mandate to Darlington County School District to integrate its schools. As a part of this decision, five students were ordered to be admitted to white schools, and two of these students were the children of Arthur Stanley.

Under his leadership, hundreds

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