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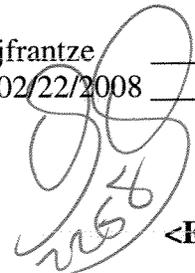
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## Miller, Steve

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**From:** Plotkin, Adam  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 21, 2008 4:41 PM  
**To:** Miller, Steve  
**Subject:** Coggs' resolutions

**Attachments:** Booker Townsell citation.doc

Steve,

Here is the list of people Sen. Coggs is looking to do resolutions for:

- 1) Lucien Palmer, first African-American state legislator
- 2) Booker Townsell, citation attached, former GI acquitted of wrongdoing in World War 2 — 4154
- 3) Isaac N. Coggs, third African-American state legislator and county supervisor
- 4) Marcia P. Coggs, citation attached, first African-American female state legislator
- 5) Billy Burton, Milwaukee Braves player
- 6) James Baker, co-founder of Community Brainstorming Conference
- 7) Reverend Richard Kirkendoll, Open Housing activist

Here are the citations:



Booker Townsell  
citation.doc (...)

*Adam Plotkin  
Clerk, Committee on Labor, Elections, and Urban Affairs  
Office of Senator Spencer Coggs  
phone, 608-266-2500  
fax, 608-282-3546*

SENATE RESOLUTION

4154/1

Relating to: ~~LEGISLATURE CITATION FORM~~

WHEREAS, the late Mr. Booker Townsell was recently exonerated of an unjust 1944 court-martial by the United States Army and has since received an honorable discharge following a recent review of the case; and

for fighting for fair and equal justice.

WHEREAS, Mr. Booker Townsell was court-martialed with 27 other African-American soldiers stationed at Fort Lawton in Seattle, Washington that were accused of lynching an Italian prisoner-of-war which resulted in a two-year incarceration and a dishonorable discharge for Private Townsell; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Booker Townsell and the other soldiers' cause was championed by author Jack Hamann who wrote the recently released book, "On American Soil: How Justice Became a Casualty of World War II", resulting in a bipartisan call in the United States Congress for a review of the wrongful convictions by Congressman Jack McDermott of Seattle, Washington and Congressman Duncan Hunter of California; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Booker Townsell's family has worked tirelessly to clear Booker's name by uniting with Mr. Hamann, Congressmen McDermott and Hunter, and officials with the United States Army to have the case reviewed with the new evidence which resulted in a righteous decision not only for Mr. Townsell, but provided a precedent for all the Black soldiers wrongly convicted; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Booker Townsell made his homegoing in 1984 at the age of 69, but the legacy of his service has been redeemed by his wife Delores, his children, Jerome Edwards, Marion Williamson, Carol Bialock, and Sharon Townsell, and his grandchildren, Lashell Drake, George Greffenreid, Che Williamson, Carmen Johnson, and Tamiko Greffenreid; now,

Resolved by the senate, That

~~THEREFORE~~, the members of the Wisconsin Legislature, on the motion of Senator Spencer Cogg, do congratulate Mr. Booker Townsell and his family for fighting for fair and equal justice, and in the process returning honor to the families of 28 unjustly prosecuted African-American soldiers at Fort Lawton.

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**FOR THE CITATION FORMAT 18 LINES TOTAL INCLUDING SPACING BETWEEN PARAGRAPHS TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT - ITALIC - FONT SIZE IS 11 OR 12.**

**Signature lines for the Senate President, Senate Chief Clerk and the Speaker of the Assembly**

**DATE YOU WOULD LIKE PLACED ON THE CITATION: JANUARY 19, 2008**

**DATE YOU WOULD LIKE RETURNED TO YOU OFFICE: ASAP**

**PLACED ON WOODEN PLAQUE: \$7.50 ~ YES**

**PLACED IN FRAME: \$4.00 ~ NO**

**PLACED IN COVER FOLDER: \$1.00 ~ NO**



## 2007 SENATE RESOLUTION

*life and public service of Mr.*

*The*

1 **Relating to:** commending Booker Townsell for fighting for fair and equal justice.

2 Whereas, the late Mr. Booker Townsell was recently exonerated of an unjust  
3 1944 court-martial by the United States Army and has since received an honorable  
4 discharge following a recent review of the case; and

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 14 African-American soldiers at Fort Lawton.

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**2007-2008 DRAFTING INSERT  
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LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**

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1           Whereas, the adoption of this ~~Senate~~ Resolution is supported not only by the  
2 ~~Senate~~, but also by members of the ~~Assembly~~, including specifically Representatives  
3 Young, Grigsby, Turner, Zepnick, Sheridan, and Toles; now, therefore, be it

**Duerst, Christina**

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**From:** Plotkin, Adam  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2008 11:43 AM  
**To:** LRB.Legal  
**Subject:** Draft Review: LRB 07-4154/2 Topic: Booker Townsell

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