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**Congressman William L. Clay Sr. Book Signing at Harris-Stowe State University**

ST. LOUIS, MO (January 8, 2014) –Harris-Stowe State University is proud to host Congressman William L. Clay Sr., as he discusses and signs his latest publication, “Clarence Thomas: A Black Knight in Tainted Armor.” The book signing will take place Friday, January 16, 2015, at 2 p.m. in the William L. Clay Sr. Early Childhood Development/Parenting Education Center Foyer.

In “Clarence Thomas: A Black Knight in Tainted Armor” Clay traces how U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas joined other conservatives in an effort to reverse the historic advancement of Civil Rights for minorities, women and the poor.

The first African-American representative from Missouri, William L. Clay Sr., served in the United States House for more than three decades. During his tenure, he used his experience as a Civil Rights activist and labor union representative in St. Louis to promote legislation to help minorities and U.S. workers.

“Congressman Clay Sr. holds a strong legacy in the St. Louis region, the state of Missouri, and the nation and we are honored to host a book signing for him,” stated HSSU President Dwaun Warmack.

His previous works include: “Bill Clay: A Political Voice at the Grass Roots”; “Just Permanent Interests: Black American in Congress 1870-1991”; “The Jefferson Bank Confrontation”; “To Kill or Not to Kill: Thoughts on Capital Punishment”; and “Anatomy of an Economic Murder: A Statistical Review of the Negro in St. Louis Employment Field.”

Harris-Stowe State University, located in midtown St. Louis, is a fully accredited four-year institution that offers 14 degree programs in the areas of teacher education, business and arts & sciences. In 2013, HSSU ranked No. 1 in the state in degree production of African-Americans in mathematics and ranked 4<sup>th</sup> of 13 public institutions in the degree production of African-Americans (Missouri Department of Higher Education). The university, which has been in existence for more than 150 years, offers the most affordable bachelor’s degree in the state of Missouri.

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