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Human Rights Commissioner helps bring Gallery of Great Black Kentuckians Exhibit to Cincinnati/NKY International Airport

Delta Airlines at the Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky International Airport is recognizing United States Black History Month with a large display of the Gallery of Great Black Kentuckians.

"During the school year," said Kentucky Commission on Human Rights Executive Director John J. Johnson, "we have many requests for Gallery of Great Black Kentuckian posters. The commission is pleased to share the posters online at our website," he said. "It provides a great way for students and anyone interested in history to learn about the role Gallery members have played in our state and our nation," Johnson said.

"At the Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky International Airport, we are honoring these citizens for their tireless efforts in furthering civil and human rights in Kentucky," said Kentucky Human Rights Commissioner Robert Asseo. He is also a Delta Airlines official.

"Through their leadership, many inductees of the Gallery have helped eliminate barriers to equal opportunity and to foster cultural awareness and understanding for a more just society," Commissioner Asseo said.

He forwarded the idea of holding the Gallery of Great Black Kentuckians exhibit to Delta. The airline has been displaying the Gallery exhibit for four years now during Black History Month.

Asseo is the first Hispanic Kentuckian in history to serve on the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights Board of Commissioners. He represents the 6th Supreme Court District, which is in Northern Kentucky, and has served about 10 years.

The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights began the Gallery of Great Black Kentuckians in 1970.

The Gallery is a commission educational program that uses biographical posters and bookmarks to recognize Kentucky African Americans who have made remarkable accomplishments, or who have helped the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the nation by breaking racial, professional or other barriers, or whose stories have been significant in state history.

Students, educators and members of the public enjoy the Gallery posters and bookmarks, which are widely used by schools and libraries throughout the state as tools to bring Kentucky African American role models and Kentucky history into classrooms and to the public.

Follow this link to view the online Gallery at the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights website.
Download posters of all the inductees.

Also, have a look around on the commission website to learn more about civil rights in Kentucky. Civil rights protect everyone in Kentucky from unlawful discrimination through anti-discrimination laws like the Kentucky Civil Rights Act.

www.kchr.ky.gov

Go straight to the Gallery of Great Black Kentuckians by following this link:

<http://kchr.ky.gov/ggbk/Pages/default.aspx>