Clark College Alumnus Judge Marvin Arrington’s Autobiography Nominated for Prestigious Literary Award

ATLANTA (April 3, 2009) -- Former Clark Atlanta University trustee and alumnus, Judge Marvin Arrington (CC ’64) has been notified of his nomination to receive one of the 45th Annual Georgia Author of the Year Awards (GAYA) for his autobiography, Making My Mark: The Story of a Man Who Wouldn’t Stay in His Place.

GAYA is sponsored by the Georgia Writers Association, which is housed at Kennesaw State University. It is one of the most prestigious literary awards in the nation and the oldest in the Southeastern United States. Awardees will be notified of their selection at the awards banquet on June 13, 2009 at Kennesaw State University, following an evaluation by judges. Tickets to the banquet are available via the Georgia Writers Association website. The awards ceremony is free and open to the public.

The book was published in 2008 by Mercer University Press and Arrington was recently informed that the autobiography had made Mercer’s Best Seller List in two categories—biographies and African American non-fiction.

A native Atlantan, Arrington received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the former Clark College and a Doctor of Laws Degree from the Emory University School of Law. He served on the Atlanta City Council for 12 years before being elected president of the City Council. A former principal in the law firm of Arrington and Hollowell, Judge Arrington has served as a member of numerous professional, civic and educational organizations.

Arrington was a key principal in the consolidation of Clark College and Atlanta University to form Clark Atlanta University in 1988 and he served as a member of the Clark Atlanta University Board of Trustees from 1988-2002.

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