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Black Heritage stamp event celebrates Anna Julia Cooper

NAACP's Low Country Branches Mark Centennial Year

MONCKS CORNER – Postmaster/OIC Kim Williams and Booker Manigault, President of the Moncks Corner NAACP will welcome the public to a special stamp unveiling event to be held by the Goose Creek NAACP at the Berkeley Museum Interpretive Center, 950 Stoney Landing Rd. in Moncks Corner on Monday, November 9.

The event, a part of this year's NAACP Centennial Celebration, will take place at 6:30 p.m. to honor educator Anna Julia Cooper, this year's subject for the annual Black Heritage stamp.

Remarks will be made by Donald West, Black History Instructor at Trident Technical College, Harry Spratlin, District Communications Coordinator for the U. S. Postal Service and Deena Davis, President of the Charleston Association of African American Life and History. A special "I Have A Dream" oration will be presented by Silas Adams, a student at Marrington Middle School.

Additional remarks will be given by Dr. Mary Thornley, President of Trident Technical College, Dot Scott, President of the Moncks Corner NAACP Branch and Mary Ward, President of the N. Charleston NAACP Branch. A reception will follow.

Anna Julia Cooper, (c.1858-1964), gave voice to the African-American community during the 19th and 20th centuries — from the end of slavery to the beginning of the Civil Rights movement. She was best known for her groundbreaking collection of essays and speeches, *A Voice from the South by a Black Woman of the South,* also exhibited educational leadership, most notably challenging the racist notion that African Americans were naturally inferior.

Cooper once said, 'The cause of freedom is not the cause of a race or a sect, a party or a class — it is the cause of humankind, the very birthright of humanity.' Her actions to support these memorable words during her life are the reason the Postal Service has chosen her as the subject of the 32nd stamp in the continuing Black Heritage series.

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