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MEDIA ALERT

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SENATOR BROOME TO CO-HOST MILITARY FAMILY HONORS EVENT RECOGNIZING WORLD WAR II VETERAN MONTFORD POINT MARINE CPL. JAMES W. GREEN JR

District 15 State Senator Sharon Weston Broome is co-hosting a military family honors event recognizing World War II Montford Point Marine Cpl. James W. Green Jr. for his personal sacrifice and service to his country.

As a Montford Point Marine, Cpl. Green was among the first African Americans to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps after President Franklin Roosevelt issued an Executive Order establishing the Fair Employment Practices Commission in June 1941, effectively desegregating the Marine Corps. More than 19,000 African American Marines trained at Montford Point Camp and about 13,000 of them served overseas during the war.

The Congressional Gold Medal, the nation's highest civilian honor, was awarded collectively to the Montford Point Marines at a ceremony in the U.S. Capitol Building on June 27, 2012. In recognition of his individual sacrifice and service, Cpl. Green is posthumously honored with a replica of the Montford Point Marines' Congressional Gold Medal.

Sen. Broome and her co-host, Dr. James T. Averhart Jr., National President of The Montford Point Marine Association, will present the medal to Cpl. Green's widow, Ruby E. Green. The event will take place on **October 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Louisiana State Archives Building, 3851 Essen Ln., Baton Rouge.**

Cpl. Green (10/16/1916 – 9/19/1974) was a resident of Baton Rouge and former student of Southern University and A&M College and McKinley High School. He is remembered as not only a veteran but also as a loving husband, devoted father to nine children and talented football player.

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