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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**The Legislative Black Caucus Grieves Over the Loss of Civil Rights Pioneer,  
Dr. Benjamin Hooks**

**Baton Rouge, Louisiana —Tuesday, April, 20, 2010—** The Civil Rights Movement has lost one of its most prized dignitaries, Dr. Benjamin Hooks. He was a Baptist minister, a lawyer, an FCC commissioner, a businessman and a judge. He also served as Executive Director and CEO of NAACP; and is best known as a civil rights leader who resurrected the nation's oldest civil rights organization+.

The members of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus are deeply saddened by the loss of Dr. Benjamin Hooks. Regina Barrow, Chairwoman of the LLBC, stated, "When we as members of the Caucus were informed of his death, our hearts were deeply saddened. Dr. Benjamin Hooks was indeed a pioneer and trailblazer in America's civil rights and political leadership . We will keep his family and friends in our prayers."

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