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Lieutenant General Russel L. Honoré, President's Chapel Speaker at The Interdenominational Theological Center

Lt. General Russel L. Honoré, Commanding General, First Army of Fort Gillem, Georgia will speak at the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) for President's Chapel on February 6, 2007, at 11:00 A.M.

A three-star general, Honoré, because of his take charge attitude, was called a 'John Wayne dude' by New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin. Following the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina—one of the nation's worst disasters. Lt. Gen. Honoré was named the Joint Task Force Katrina Commander, coordinating Department of Defense relief efforts in concert with FEMA, the National Guard, Northern Command, Department of Homeland Security, Louisiana and Mississippi. A native of Lakeland, Louisiana, Honoré perhaps will best be remembered for the compassionate sensitivity shown toward the citizens when he ordered military personnel to point their weapons down in the presence of Katrina Victims.

General Honoré's current assignment as commander, First Army, gives him responsibility for the mobilization, training and deployment of National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers throughout the United States. The General's career vita includes a variety of command and staff positions. His assignments range from tours in Korea and Germany to staff positions in Washington, D.C., Fort Benning, Georgia and numerous other postings.

Honoré earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Vocational Agriculture from Southern University and A&M College in 1971 and a Master of Arts degree in Human Resources from Troy State University. General Honoré is the recipient of numerous awards and decorations including the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, The Overseas Service Ribbon, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi), and the Joint Meritorious Award, to name a few.

"As a former military chaplain, I know the stresses of war and the toll, which it takes on the soldiers who fight wars. It is because of this that most decorated military officials are champions of peace versus war. If there is one individual who understands the consequences of war and the greater good of peace, General Honoré is certainly one. It is my honor to celebrate this legendary commander during this year's Black History Month President's Chapel," said ITC President, Dr. Michael A. Battle.

The ITC chapel service is held each Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the ITC chapel at 700 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, SW., Atlanta, GA and is open to the public.

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