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MAYOR IVAN ALLEN JR.

DEAR MAYOR.

WHEN WE THINK OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE,
AND THE WELL-MEANING PURPOSES OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS HAVE
NOT YET BEEN PUT INTO PRACTICE, THROUGHOUT THE LENGTH AND
BREADTH OF OUR LAND,

MY PRIDE IN THIS LAND OF THE FREE AND HOME OF THE
BRAVE, HAS BECOME A LITTLE TARNISHED LATELY.

BUT WHEN BRAVE MEN LIKE YOU TOLD CONGRESS, IF I
HAD YOUR PROBLEM, ARMED WITH THE LOCAL EXPERIENCE I
HAVE HAD, I WOULD PASS A PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS BILL.

TO BE A SOUTHERN IT TAKE A REAL GREAT MAN TO DO
WHAT YOU DID, BUT AFTER READING THIS ARTICLE,
I CAN STILL SEE HOPE FOR US SHINING THROUGH OUR
GREAT MEN LIKE YOUR SELF,

LET ALL OF US TRULY MAKE THIS A LAND OF OPPORTUNITY FOR
ALL, DEAR MAYOR IVAN ALLEN JR. IT WAS HEARTWARMING

AND AS A NEGRO, I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU AND
CONGRATULATED YOU, I AGAIN THANK YOU MAY GOD BLESS
YOU AND YOUR FAMILY, I LOVE AMERICA WITH ALL MY HEART.

ANSWER IF YOU HAVE THE TIME.

YOUR FOR EVER Hezzie Lee