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State Senator to speak at AMC's Commencement

Atlanta, Georgia – Atlanta Metropolitan College (AMC) will hold its commencement ceremony on Friday, May 8th, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. in the Physical Education Complex on the main campus. Approximately 260 students will receive degrees. Georgia State Senator Vincent D. Fort, Senate District 39, will deliver the commencement address.

Fort was first elected to the State Senate in 1996 from the 39th District and has been re-elected six times. He represents parts of the City of Atlanta and East Point. Fort serves on the Appropriations, Judiciary, Education and Youth, Reapportionment and Redistricting, State Institutions and Property, Urban Affairs and Marta Oversight Committees. Senator Fort has chaired the Retirement Committee, Interstate Cooperation Committee and the Fulton County Senate Delegation and Senator Fort chaired the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus Education Committee.

In 2001, Senator Fort authored a predatory lending law which was the basis for the strongest predatory lending law of its kind passed in 2002. Since then, he has become nationally recognized as a leader in the fight against predatory lending.

Recently, Senator Fort secured \$20 Million in funding for buildings at Atlanta Technical College and Atlanta Metropolitan College. As a member of the Education Committee, Senator Fort has been on the forefront for protecting public education.

Fort holds degrees from Central Connecticut State College and Atlanta University. He has been a professor at several institutions including Morehouse College and Morris Brown College.

During the course of his career, Senator Fort has been recognized by several organizations such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Georgia Council on Aging, the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), and The Georgia Commission on the Holocaust. He has been recognized as legislator of the year by the Georgia Association of Educators and the National Association of Consumer Advocates. He has also received the Unsung Hero award from the Anti-Defamation League.

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Founded in 1974, Atlanta Metropolitan College is a two-year unit of the University System of Georgia. All courses offered by AMC are transferrable to senior-level colleges and universities.

