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TOM HAMMONDS SERVES AS GUEST CONTRIBUTOR FOR FEBRUARY EBONY MAGAZINE MONTHLY COLUMN

(HOLT, Fla., Jan. 15, 2009) -- NHRA Pro Stock Car Owner/Driver and retired NBA player Tom Hammonds is credited as guest contributor for February 2009 Ebony's column "For Brothers Only." "For Brothers Only" is a monthly column that shares motivational life messages and experiences aimed at male readers.

"When Ebony approached me with the opportunity to write an inspirational piece for "For Brothers Only," it was a no-brainer," said a reflective Hammonds. "Once again, I am very excited to be able to share encouraging words, as it pertains to my life's experiences in a publication that is a staple in American and African American heritage."

"It is my hope men, both young and old, will take the shared information, which has guided me in life, and apply it to their lives to achieve success. So many times, we get caught up in thinking about ourselves, we forget that we should take the time to motivate and help each other. That is what life is all about, and I thank Ebony for allowing me to do so."

Past contributing writers have been ESPN's Stephen A. Smith, Georgetown University Professor and renown author Eric Michael Dyson, and television host and former Michigan Superior Court Judge Greg Mathis, and Hammonds appreciates that he is in good company.

The February issue of Ebony Magazine can be purchased on newsstands today.



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About Tom Hammonds and Tom Hammonds Enterprises, LLC (THE)

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Racing since the age of 16, Chevrolet backed Tom Hammonds made a triumphant return to full-time drag racing at the Gatornationals Gainesville Raceway in March 2007. He is the only African American owner (Tom Hammonds Enterprises, LLC) and driver of a race team in professional motor sports. Previous owner of a Chevrolet dealership, Hammonds was drafted 9th overall in the 1989 NBA draft and enjoyed his career with Washington, Denver, Charlotte, and Minnesota, where he completed his career. Before his illustrious NBA career, he played college basketball at Georgia Tech, where his jersey was retired for being the fourth all time leading scorer and received a bachelors of science in business management. A native of Crestview, Fla., he was inducted into the All Sports Association Hall of Fame of Fort Walton Beach, Fla. in March 2007.

Tom Hammonds Enterprises, LLC (THE) is located in Holt, Fla. and was formed in 2005. THE takes pride in promoting high performance and safety in the sport of drag racing. Housing such programs as Tom Hammonds Engines, a program specifically for performance drivers to rent custom built engines, and Tom Hammonds Race for Achievement, a school program dedicated to revving the engines of education through student achievement, the company's mission is to make an impact on the sport of drag racing. THE is the only African American owned and driven team in professional motor sports. For more information, visit www.tomhammondsracing.com.

About Ebony Magazine

EBONY magazine, the No. 1 magazine for African-Americans, is published monthly and reaches over 12 million readers with each issue. Published by Johnson Publishing Company, Inc., the largest Black-owned publishing company in the world, EBONY was founded in 1942 by the late Publisher and Chairman John H. Johnson. Linda Johnson Rice is president and CEO, and Eunice W. Johnson serves as the company's secretary and treasurer.