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TOM HAMMONDS SERVES ON NC A&T MOTORSPORTS ADVISORY COUNCIL

(HOLT, Fla., Sept. 13, 2008) -- Tom Hammonds announced today he will serve as a member of the North Carolina A&T State University Motorsports Advisory Council.

"I am honored to serve as member of the NC A&T Motorsports Advisory Committee," said an elated Hammonds. "For me to be in a situation where I can make recommendations to grow an excellent program so that other universities may use as a model is outstanding."

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. He received a gold medal at the 1986 FIBA World Championship. A native of Crestview, Fla., Hammonds was inducted into the All Sports Association Hall of Fame of Fort Walton Beach, Fla. in March 2007.

Thurman Exum, Program Director for the North Carolina A&T State University's Motorsports Program endorsed Hammonds for this position because of his commitment to the development of motorsports professionals. Exum and his staff at NC A&T State University are looking forward to

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working with Hammonds and Tom Hammonds Enterprises, LLC to help deliver a quality education to our young people.

Hammonds' appointment is for two years, with the council meeting four times a year.

The eight member council is made-up of industry leaders and stakeholders. Members are charged with providing ongoing advice and consultation to the motorsports department by proposing program initiatives on recruitment, training and retention of young men and women who have selected motorsports as their career. Members will be active in securing and providing internships and co-op experiences to bridge the gap between classroom learning and real world knowledge.

N.C. A&T offers a four-year degree in motorsports technology. The program has been in existence since 2002 and provides a technical management course of study to develop motorsports professionals that fulfill the human resource needs of corporate sponsors, team owners, track facilities and product/service support suppliers. The curriculum was developed to create a strategic alliance to increase the number and quality of job opportunities for African American students in key motorsports and other related automotive business activities.

N.C. A&T's Motorsports Technology Program was featured on NBC Nightly News and received many awards, the latest one being an educational award from NASCAR for providing motorsports professionals to help them diversify the industry.

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About Tom Hammonds Enterprises, LLC (THE)

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.