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HAMMONDS HOPES TO HAVE GOOD SHOWING AT SOUTHERN NATIONALS

- 6th Marine Corps District Partners with Team Hammonds -

(HOLT, Fla., Apr. 15, 2009) -- Tom Hammonds will be racing this weekend at what he feels is also a home event, the NHRA Southern Nationals in Atlanta. Team owner and driver Hammonds spent his college years in Atlanta and consider it a home away from home.

"The Southern Nationals is always a good event, because I get to reconnect with old friends, not to mention, that I have qualified once at this event," says Hammonds. "We are excited to race in front of friends and show them what we can do."

Making his fourth appearance at this event, Hammonds qualified in 2007, where he was knocked out in the first round of eliminations by Greg Anderson, and did not qualify in 2002 or 2008. This year, he hopes to have a very different outcome.

He explains, "We want to keep our qualifying streak alive, having qualified at three of the last four races this year. We have some momentum going from our seventh qualifying position in Las Vegas to continue to keep moving forward. Our next goal, to start at the Atlanta race, is to qualify

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and start going rounds. Once we start going rounds then we will have a chance to win a race and that is our ultimate goal.”

“We have been working really hard on the dyno since the last race to make sure our engines are at 100 percent for this race. At the Las Vegas race, we over estimated the track conditions and it came back to bite us. For the Atlanta race, the first thing we will do is look at the weather and track conditions and tune according to that. We have a baseline that we try to follow. Obviously, it all depends on the weather and track conditions as to what we do with our Race for Achievement Chevy Cobalt presented by the US Marines.”

Hammonds goes on to say to that he is once again honored to partner with the United States Marines for the Race for Achievement High School initiative. In conjunction with the 6th Marine Corps District, he will promote education, achievement, scholarship and leadership excellence achieved through attending college using programs such as the Marines Corps ROTC Scholarship. Together, they will visit Winder-Barrow High School in Winder, Ga. tomorrow to speak with students.

This marks the third school to participate in the initiative in the country, with James E. Taylor High School and Miller Career and Technology Center in Katy, Texas being the schools to launch the program coinciding with the Houston NHRA event.

Pro Stock competition kicks off at the Atlanta Dragway on Friday with two qualifying session.

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

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 Pro Stock race team on the NHRA circuit. 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 on the NHRA circuit. For more information, visit www.tomhammondsracing.com.