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An Evening Lecture from the Honorary Consul General of The Republic of Albania Atlanta Region
The 5th Annual Morris Brown College Scholarship Walk-A-Thon
presents Ambassador Theodore R. Britton, Jr.

Who is Dr. Theodore R. Britton, Jr. ?

Ambassador Theodore R. (Ted) Britton, Jr. served as Chief of Mission to Barbados and to the State of Grenada, from 1974 to 1977 with the rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary. In addition, he served concurrently as the US Special Representative to the States of Antigua, Dominica, St. Christopher-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent.



He retired from the Department of Housing and Urban Development after a distinguished career as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology (GS-17), Assistant to the Secretary for International Affairs, Deputy Regional Administrator (ES-4), Manager, Newark Office, in the New York Region. In 1989, he received the Department's Distinguished Service Award. On his retirement, he was honored with resolutions from the City Councils of Newark, NJ and Washington, DC. Banking is his profession, having served as an officer and director in the savings and commercial banking business.

Ambassador Britton has maintained a life-long interest in diplomatic affairs and international activities as shown by his extensive participation in US Information Agency programs beginning in 1971. During 1981 to 1989, he served as American Chair of the US-China Agreement on Housing and Planning, and as Executive Secretary to similar agreements with Mexico, Canada, and the former Soviet Union (USSR). A long-time vice chair, he was elected Chairman/President of the Group on Urban Affairs (in 1985) at the Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). During this period, he led a two year OECD Mission to Study and Evaluate Japan's Urban Policies, and later, presided at the second meeting of Urban Affairs Ministers of the 24 OECD nations.

A specialist in finance and housing, he was president of The American Baptist Management Corporation prior to entering Government service. In his first position, his expertise was utilized to help improve the production of housing and the delivery of housing services. He was elected president of New York's United Mutual Life Insurance Company after leaving his diplomatic post in Barbados. He returned to Government in 1981 to manage the various bi-lateral programs involving housing and urban development.

He is a graduate of New York University with a B.S. in Banking and Finance, and from the American Savings and Loan Institute, with the Standard and Graduate Diplomas. In 2009, he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa) by Kristal University, in Tirana, Albania.

Mr. Britton has twice served in the US Marine Corps. He is a Life Member of the Montford Point Marines, the Second Marine Division, and the Association for Intelligence Officers. He is currently a director of the Council of American Ambassadors, Georgia Council for International Visitors, and is Honorary Chairman of Kristal University. Lastly, he is an "Ambassador for Peace" of the Universal Peace Federation, having served on many Missions including the Middle East Peace Initiative to Israel and Palestine during 2007.

A long-time supporter of education, he has lectured at colleges and universities throughout Europe, Asia, Africa, the USA, Central America and the Caribbean. He recently completed a two year lecture series on "The Caribbean" at Georgia's world famed Emory University. In 2008, after being recognized honored by South Korea's National Assembly, he was designated to respond on behalf of the assembled Korean War Veterans.

What will he do? Ambassador Britton Jr. will speak with interested guests regarding his insights on Economic and International Affairs.

Where: Hickman Student Union Building located @ 715 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Atlanta, Georgia 30314

Date: Friday, July 8th 2011 Time: 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.