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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Dear Southernites and Friends:

We continue to extend our prayers, thoughts and support for our extended Jaguar family throughout Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana in the wake of the devastation of Hurricane Harvey. Similarly, our thoughts and prayers are with our alumni, family and friends in the State of Florida and other states that may be impacted by Hurricane Irma in the coming days. Our Houston Chapter continues to offer local support, and our Southern University System Foundation continues to accept financial support on behalf of the University.

Our home opener against South Carolina State last weekend felt a lot like homecoming. Hats off to Chancellor John Pierre and the 70th Anniversary Planning Committee. The Gala Friday night was wonderful, full of rich stories about the history of the Law Center, and a great forum for networking with old friends and colleagues in the legal profession. Similarly, kudos to Athletic Director Roman Banks and his team on the Legends Kickoff Extravaganza. The legends who were honored continue to be such positive role models and representatives of our alma mater. The Jaguar Jamboree by the Home Chapter, along with the Pep Rally and Adopt-A-Juke Donor Recognition, were all very successful. And, of course, congratulations to the Jaguar football team on a thrilling victory! I look forward to traveling to Hattiesburg for the Southern Mississippi game tomorrow.

Special thanks to Eldred Jackson and Derrick Warren for spending part of the Labor Day Holiday at the Alumni House hosting students from the Top Jags Program. Our new students are most impressive. In addition to recruiting students, alumni are really working hard to support the University with its retention efforts. Congratulations to White Castle Chapter President Gerald Jermarr Williams and the new officers that were installed Tuesday night at the Alumni House. The Federation is so pleased to see the reinvigoration of this chapter and we welcome it and our White Castle alums back into our network of alumni chapters.

Finally, congratulations to the Federation's Assistant Executive Director, Khadijah Thompson (now Campbell). She and fellow alum, Jonathan Campbell, were married Saturday in a beautiful New Orleans-style wedding in the Crescent City. Best wishes Jonathan and Khadijah on a very happy life together!

Sincerely serving Southern,

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