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H.E. Ambassador Nathaniel Barnes
The Embassy of Liberia in Washington D.C.
5201 16th. Street, NW
Washington DC, 20011

Dear H.E. Ambassador Barnes:

On behalf of the officers and members of the Liberian History, Education, & Development, Inc. (LIHEDE), permit us to extend to you sincere greetings and best wishes. LIHEDE is celebrating its 5th Jubilee, scheduled to be held in Greensboro, North Carolina in August 21-22, 2009, under the theme: "Understanding Ourselves and Our History: A Call to Unity & Collective Development in Liberia," and it will look at the history, migration patterns, health, interethnic cooperation, linguistic tongues, and social, political, and legal institutions of the various ethnic groups of Liberia. LIHEDE believes that by institutionalizing our collective history, Liberians will well be on their way to creating the environment that will help Liberians learn more about themselves and cultivate a new sense of nationalism and history of our oneness that would propel national developments in Liberia and the world.

It is in honor of our history that we beseech your support for "Understanding Ourselves and Our History: A Call to Unity & Collective Development in Liberia by supporting and bringing a warm welcome remarks for Jubilee participants.

The three-day Conference is anticipated to be attended by over 200 persons, including government officials, ambassadors, presidents of Liberia higher institutions of learning, ministers, scholars, oral historians, authors, Liberian men and women organizations, cultural troops, students, clergymen, and more.

We therefore hope that our initiatives will deserve the Embassy of Liberia involvement and attention because our nation has entered a new era, a new political horizon, where success and progress will begin with the collective showcasing of our talents and the finding of practical solutions to the many misinterpretation of our history facing us today. Together we can create a great legacy of immeasurable treasure of knowledge for Liberian history and the next generation of Liberians by written a collective and inclusive history of our people.

Thank you very much for considering our request. We trust and hope that you would identify with this worthy cause to rewrite the history of our nation. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,

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