



PRESS RELEASE

of the NAACP New Jersey State Conference

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Trenton, NJ- Richard T. Smith, President of the NAACP New Jersey State Conference was among many individuals and affiliate groups in attendance at a recent New Jersey State Senate Ceremonial honoring Working Families United for New Jersey (“WFUNJ”) for Spearheading the Statewide Minimum Wage increase which resulted in a landmark victory. State Senators presented a Resolution commending the coalition for leading a statewide grassroots education campaign to raise the minimum wage in New Jersey from \$7.25 to \$8.25 per hour plus an annual cost of living adjustment.

“NAACP members across the State certainly share in the victory said Richard Smith. This legislation was the culmination of hard work and commitment to a cause that is just and fair to all New Jersey residents, particularly to low income wage earners struggling to make ends meet when the cost of living far exceeds their means. It is even more significant when you consider the efforts of our lawmakers who collectively worked to get the job done!”

This measure will benefit thousands of parents and their children and is one of the most consequential policies to uplift our state’s working families in years,” stated WFUNJ Trustee Laurel Brennan. “To be recognized by the New Jersey State Senate for leading the grassroots movement for this historic campaign is an honor of the highest degree.”

Working Families United for New Jersey, Inc. looks forward to continuing to dedicate our efforts to a wide variety of policy initiatives impacting New Jersey’s working families,” stated WFUNJ Executive Director Edward Correa. “Presently we are ramping up efforts as part of a statewide education campaign for earned sick leave. Our coalition is also coordinating a robust campaign to help hundreds of eligible New Americans in New Jersey become U.S. citizens and participate in the democratic process.”