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Anniversary Reception May 6 Will Honor Hookses and Benefit Archive Project

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A 50th wedding anniversary reception for Dr. Benjamin Hooks and his wife, Frances, will benefit the civil rights leader's Archive Project at The University of Memphis. The reception will be held Sunday, May 6, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Ned R. McWherter Library on the U of M campus.

Hooks has donated 400 boxes of personal and professional papers to the University. The collection spans his career, including his years as executive director of the NAACP (1977-1992) and his tenure as the first African-American appointed to the Federal Communications Commission (1972-1978). Portions of the collection will eventually be made available over the Internet. The goal is to make the Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change a national center for research on the civil rights movement.

Hosts for the reception include Jimmy Naifeh, Lois DeBerry, Larry and Johnnie Turner, Carolyn Wade Blackett, Russell and Regina Sugarmon, Dr. Vasco Smith and Maxine Smith, and AC and Ruby Wharton.

The reception is sponsored by the Hooks Institute and the U of M College of Arts and Sciences.

For more information about the Hooks Institute, please visit <http://benhooks.memphis.edu>.

Call Veronica Oxford at 678-4224 for more information about the reception or to make reservations.

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