



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senator Thompson Receives Afro-American Heritage Award

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**Buffalo, NY** – New York State Senator Antoine Thompson (D-Parts of Erie & Niagara Counties) is being honored by the Afro-American Historical Association with the William Wells Brown Award.

The award will be presented at the Afro-African Historical Association's 33<sup>rd</sup> Family History Dinner. It's scheduled for Friday, May 7, at 7 pm at the Golden Nugget Restaurant, located at 2046 Fillmore Ave.

William Wells Brown was an abolitionist, novelist and historian. The award named in his honor is handed out each year to a person who has done something to contribute to the preservation of African American History.

"As a student of history, African and Afro-American history and a champion of African American cultural heritage and Minority and Women's developments, I am honored to receive the William Wells Brown Award. He was a great Buffalonian who chronicled our community's history, which helps us recognize our worth and contributions to society," says Senator Antoine Thompson."

Thompson represents areas of Erie and Niagara counties and has authored initiatives that focused on minority and women's women business development.

He has also sponsored Buffalo's Inclusion Law providing Minority and Women owned businesses with 30% of the work on all construction projects.