



SOCIETY OF PHYSICS STUDENTS

A PETITION FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Whereas, The Society of Physics Students has adopted Future Faces of Physics as its theme for 2008, in part, to encourage students from all backgrounds to participate in the excitement we know as physics; and,

Whereas, Albert Einstein referred to racism as “America’s Worst Disease” in a message to the 1946 National Urban League Convention; and,

Whereas, It does not take an Einstein to identify racist inequities in today’s society: for example, Labor Department reports continue to show the jobless rate among black workers is far higher than among whites; the Institute of Medicine has documented the inferior health-care received by African Americans and other minorities; housing and schools in this country remain—without formal restrictions—as segregated as ever.

Therefore, we, the undersigned, join in Einstein’s pledge of 1946 regarding segregation and racism, made at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania:

“I DO NOT INTEND TO BE QUIET ABOUT IT.”

and will strive to erase racism and other forms of inequity.

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