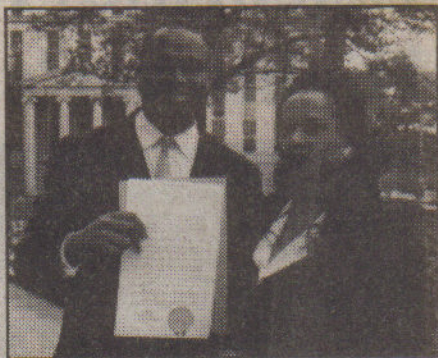


# Cathy Harris, honored for whistle blowing

Cathy Harris the Senior Customs Inspector, GS-11, Whistleblower at the Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport, veteran, 21 year federal employee, 13 years with U.S. Customs Service, Co-Founder/Chairperson for Customs Employees Against Discrimination Association (CEADA) is being honored for her Whistleblowing activities, Re: Harassment of African-American International Travelers.



*State Representative Arnold Ragas of the 64th District in Stone Mountain presents Cathy Harris, Senior Customs Inspector, with an award for her whistle blowing activities.*

Harris, the Atlanta Airport Whistleblower, publicly revealed that Nationwide U.S. Customs Inspectors subject thousands of black travelers, Especially Black Women, to illegal pat downs, strip searches, monitored bowel movements, unlawful detentions, targeted monitoring by drug sniffing dogs.

Harris was the Customs Inspector that is named on Congressman John Lewis's website as the person "that initially" turned over evidence for a Congressional Hearing, conducted in May 1999, on the Harassment of Nationwide African-American travelers.

As a result of her bravery, new Customs Regulations were adopted and Congressman John Lewis has introduced a new bill in Congress in regards to the Harassment of Nationwide African-American international travelers.

The New Customs Laws, Rules and Regulations adopted because of Harris's Whistleblowing: (1) An international traveler Cannot Be Detained for over two hours without being allowed to call a "family member" or an "attorney" and (2) An international traveler Cannot Be Detained over four hours, without U.S. Customs Special Agents appearing before a magistrate to present evidence for

the detention.

Before these "New Laws" were adopted, Harris, publicly revealed that U.S. Customs where illegal detaining African-American travelers for up to four days at the Atlanta Hartsfield Airport.

Cathy Harris has put her life and career on the line to expose the horrific policy of airport racial profiling (Flying While Black). Harris who has suffered mightily for her actions, have been out on unpaid stress leave for over 6 months. Unless she get some support from the public she will be homeless in the next couple of months. For support write to Cathy Harris at P.O. Box 597, Lovejoy, Georgia 30250 or call 678-476-9328. To demand justice for Cathy Harris send faxes, letters, emails and phone calls to: Lawrence Summers, Secretary of Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20220, (202) 622-2000, fax (202) 622-6415, email: [opcmail@do.treas.gov](mailto:opcmail@do.treas.gov).