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## **SPORTSWRITER CELESTE WHITTAKER'S EPITOME OF FATHERHOOD SET FOR OCTOBER 15 LAUNCH**

Cherry Hill, NJ, 1 October 2009 — Celeste E. Whittaker, sportswriter at the *Courier-Post*, will fulfill her dream with the impending release of her first book, *The Epitome of Fatherhood: The Life of Chester M. Whittaker*, on October 15, 2009. An award winning journalist and native of Willingboro, New Jersey, Whittaker wrote a biography about her father because, "My dad was my hero, pure and simple. Chester M. Whittaker was truly an example of what a father, husband, brother, son, uncle and nephew should be." Readers also gain from the story of her father's dedicated work and trailblazing leadership in southern New Jersey.

Early reviews of Whittaker's work have already earned her high praise. Branson Wright, sports reporter for the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* & co-host of The Sports Brothers radio show, said, "I am so disappointed that I never had the pleasure of meeting such a mighty and wonderful father that Celeste Whittaker so vividly describes in this must read book. Chester Whittaker is not only a blue print for what a father is, but a blue print for what a husband and, more importantly, what a man can attain."

Donald Hunt, sports reporter at the *Philadelphia Tribune* agreed: "It's outstanding. What a great man. He's an inspiration to all fathers. Your dad has shown dedication, strength, determination and commitment. Young people need someone who can provide guidance and direction. That's exactly what he did. We need more fathers like him."

"From documenting her father growing up in North Carolina and later in Newport News and then playing basketball at Virginia State, to being a captain in the Army stationed at Fort Dix and to raising his family in Willingboro, the author pays a touching tribute to a man who meant so much to his family," wrote Kevin Callahan, reporter at the *Courier-Post* in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

Callahan continued, "In addition, Celeste chronicles so well how her father meant so much to so many others. ... Reading about the loving life of Chester Whittaker will make you want to change your life also—to be a better parent, to be a better person."

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