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The Susan Thompson Show Adds Noted African American Race Car Driver to Interview Line-Up

Cary, NC -- 8/12/05. Ground breaking race car driver Harold Martin will be featured in an upcoming episode of The Susan Thompson Show, show producers announced today. Susan Thompson, the show's producer and host, attended the National Association of Black Journalists' 30th Annual Convention and Career Fair where she met Martin and secured him as an interview subject.

"For the last four years Harold Martin and his ACDelco racing team have made tremendous strides in the Pro Modified racing circuit," says Thompson. "Not only is [Martin] important because of his professional success, the relative scarcity of African American professional race car drivers and his personal story serve as an inspiration for many people, African American or otherwise."

Martin was invited to speak to convention attendees, some 3,000 minority journalists and recent graduates, and address the convention's theme, "Telling Our Story." Martin drew from his recent successes, including his first career Pro Modified National Event Win and career-best third place finish in 2004, as well as his humble start in Huston Texas as the foundations for his speech.

According to Martin, his father was the initial source for his drive to succeed. "It is a great pleasure that I am in the position that I can [experience this part of my life] with him. It would not be the same to have achieved the success that I have, if I had not had my father around to witness it and enjoy it." Further inspired by his father's role as his own mentor, Martin expressed his desire to act as a mentor for others whether or not their interest happens to be Motorsports.

An readily visible example of Martin's focus on mentoring is his active role in directing General Motors' diversity programs, for which he was recently featured in an issue of Ebony magazine as part of its "Black Men on the Cutting Edge" feature.

Although Martin has agreed to sit for an interview with Susan Thompson, a date that's convenient with his schedule has yet been reached.

The Susan Thompson Show is a talk program that is broadcast to more than 119 million households in 50 countries via the Skyline satellite television network. The show is set to appear in the US on the National Barber Shop Network starting in 2006. By interviewing noted personalities from the entertainment, business, and humanitarian fields, the show uses a talk show format to explore issues, causes, and events affecting its viewers.

Additional information about The Susan Thompson Show is available on its website, [www.thesusanthompsonshow.com](http://www.thesusanthompsonshow.com).

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