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As this year's election comes to a close, True the Vote, a Texas Tea Party group, has begun attacking the NAACP Houston Branch and our volunteer poll monitors for handing out water to voters at Early Vote locations and for assisting Disabled and Elderly voters by standing in line for them or asking younger people in line to let the elderly and disabled go ahead of them in the line to vote.

Carroll G. Robinson, Chairman of the NAACP Houston Branch Political Affairs Committee said, "It is a shame that the NAACP Houston Branch and its volunteers are being attacked by a right wing extremist group for being "Good Samaritans". The NAACP will continue to help elderly and disabled voters, as well as all other voters, exercise their right to vote."

The NAACP Houston Branch has worked with the NAACP Texas State Conference and Region VI Offices this year to register thousands of new voters and to conduct a major voter turnout effort that included 180,000 auto calls, the distribution of approximately 900,000 emails, 10,000 pieces of literature to African-American churches and over two hours of radio time focused on informing people about their right to vote and encouraging them to vote.

According to Rev. Reginald Lillie, President of the NAACP Houston Branch, "True the Vote's attacks on the NAACP Houston Branch are validation of the effectiveness of the Branch's efforts. The attacks are a badge of honor. They motivate us to keep pressing on."

Chairman Robinson further stated, "The NAACP is not afraid of being attacked by an extremist Tea Party group for doing our job – helping to protect the right to vote and ensuring that when

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