

**MAYOR VERNON PARKER HONORED BY NBC AS ONE OF
AMERICA'S TOP AFRICAN-AMERICAN LEADERS**

Phoenix, AZ- February 10, 2010 – Paradise Valley Mayor Vernon Parker is being honored by NBC in connection with Black History Month on the list of the top 100 African-Americans in America. NBC teamed up with the thegrio.com to pay special tribute to Parker and other honorees.

Parker's company on the list includes Olympic speed skater, Shani Davis, Dr. Regina Benjamin (Surgeon General), Oprah Winfrey and Tyler Perry. The entire story can be found at <http://www.thegrio.com/black-history/thegrios-100/thegrios-100-vernon-parker.php>

Parker announced his run for Congress recently at Goldwater Park with support from Sheriff Joe Arpaio and Phoenix City Councilman Sal Diccio. Parker is looking to fill the District 3 seat as a result of Congressman John Shadegg's upcoming retirement.

Vernon Parker is currently the Mayor of Paradise Valley, AZ. He served in the White House under George H.W. Bush and as Assistant Secretary of Agriculture under George W. Bush. Parker is a graduate of Georgetown Law School in Washington where he met his wife Lisa.

For more information about Mayor Parker please go to <http://www.Parker2010.com>.