

Tribute to Albert Hinds by Eric Broadway  
Speech delivered at the Albert E. Hinds Gates Dedication  
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Good afternoon. This is a wonderful day for my dear friend Albert Edward Hinds. I think about Mr. Hinds every day when I return home from my office and pass his home. I know he is watching this fine celebration of his life and legacy to Princeton.

Mr. Hinds was a principled man, who believed in his community and supported many families as they sought to raise their children. He lived to be 104 years old, which today and potentially any day is a tremendous accomplishment. Mr. Hinds lived through the 1929 Depression, World Wars I and II, the Civil Rights era of the 1960s and 1970s, the Vietnam War, the Iraq and Iran wars, and the dotcom bubble of the 1990s. He earned a bachelor's degree in Physical Education from Talladega College, in Talladega, Alabama in the 1930s. He taught and coached for many years in Georgia, Alabama, Pennsylvania and New Jersey and remained an active member of the Princeton Community until his last days, holding positions on the Borough Zoning Board, YMCA and many other civic organizations.

Mr. Hinds was one of my first clients, when I chose to open my law firm in the early 1990s, and he engaged my construction company to renovate his house on John Street. I am grateful and blessed to have had the opportunity to spend several years with Mr. Hinds, until the day he passed. I recall the day before he passed, when I visited him in his home with my son, Eric Cameron, whom he adored and mentored. Although Mr. Hinds' physical presence had deteriorated, his mental capacity remained strong and his speech was clear. That day, he presented my son with a gift, an old-fashioned coin counting machine (show it to the audience), and these words. He said, "young man you have been blessed with parents who care and support you. You should cherish this blessing and do everything in your power to make a positive impact on your community, seek knowledge every day, conserve your resources and dream big dreams. I am giving you this bank that my father gave to me." Although Mr. Hinds was speaking to my son, his words resonated with me. I have come to love and appreciate my parents, John and Florence Broadway, and as I parent my children I continue to listen for Mr. Hinds' words, as I walk through life.

These gates are a wonderful tribute to a principled-man, who loved Princeton and truly made an impact on many New Jersey residents. Too often our news presents a negative image of our citizens. It is refreshing when we have the opportunity to honor one of our citizens and memorialize him in a lasting way.

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Mr. Hinds was a humble man and would never have imagined that he would receive such an honor, but today, I can assure you he is watching and smiling in the heavens. Each day as I greeted Mr. Hinds, he would say, "Eric I am blessed that my feet hit the floor and I am alive to see another day, let's get to it."

I thank Shirley Satterfield and the Committee. God bless Princeton and all who made this dedication possible.