



Julian Bond to receive award: National Leadership Award from National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

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"There are no 'special rights' in America; we are all entitled to life, liberty and happiness' pursuit ... I see this as a civil rights issue." -- Julian Bond

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force will present its National Leadership Award to Julian Bond, national chairman of the NAACP, at its 10th Annual Miami Recognition Dinner on Saturday, November 4th, at the Loews Miami Beach Hotel.

The Recognition Dinner is presented by Merrill Lynch and recognizes recipients for their outstanding contributions to the social, cultural, political and humanitarian needs of the LGBT community.

A longtime civil rights activist and one of the founders in 1960 of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, Julian Bond is one of the few African-American leaders to publicly pledge support for equality in marriage rights for same-sex couples, calling it a civil rights issue.

The mission of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is to build the political power of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community from the ground up.