



**CURTIS GERALD HORTON**  
**Class of 1959**

Beautiful thoughts on some subjects come easily. An honest opinion about some subjects warm the heart and soul, but sometimes it is difficult to clothe some subjects in words that convey true, pure essence; especially when that subject is Curtiss Jerald Horton.

Curtis Horton's life has exemplified in work and spirit the true meaning of Booker T. Washington's declaration, "cast down your bucket where you are". For whenever Horton's bucket has been cast, it was filled with commitment, discipline, dedication, hardwork, and love and the rewards have poured out abundantly.

Curtis Horton, known by some as "mighty mite", won the hearts of the fans and spurred the interest of the sports writers. His superb running ability earned him titles such as "jet-legged", "little speedster", and "speedy". This Golden Tigers halfback won many awards and honors while a student at Tuskegee.

His numerous awards, while at Tuskegee, include being selected player of the month, (1955); Captain of the Football Team in the Thanksgiving Classic against Alabama State University (1957 and 1958), selected Who's Who in Colleges and Universities; Outstanding Service Award, Campus Digest, as Sports Editor and the Essie Watkins Award given to a student in physical education who has demonstrated outstanding all around ability in curricular and extracurricular activities.

After his tenure at Tuskegee, Mr. Horton sprinted right back to his native Mobile and built an outstanding teaching and coaching career. His commitment, disciple, and honesty made him a winner. For over thirty years, he has touched the lives of thousands of youths and have inspired, motivated, and instilled in them the pride necessary to overcome the many crisis in their lives and become productive citizens. Among those youths were Cleon Jones and Tommy Agee who were players on the 1969 World Champions for the New York Mets Baseball Team.

This outstanding Mobilian, "Mighty Golden Tigers" has won 41 straight baseball games over a three-year period at Mobile County Training School, named Coach of the Year time and time again, received awards and honors at the State and Regional levels, from his church, and many, many organizations in the State of Alabama and the Mobile area.