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**Council Vice President Valerie Ervin Kicks Off Black History Month at
Montgomery College With Free Screening of ‘Inside Buffalo’**

**Screen on Friday, Feb. 5, at Takoma Park/Silver Spring Performing Arts Center
Salutes Legendary ‘Buffalo Soldiers’**



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ROCKVILLE, Md., Feb. 2, 2010—Montgomery County Council Vice President Valerie Ervin will host a free screening of the film “Inside Buffalo,” at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 5 at Montgomery College’s Takoma Park/Silver Spring Performing Arts Center. Following the screening, there will be a panel discussion and a question-and-answer session with the film’s producer and director, Fred Kuwomu, and several former members of the legendary “Buffalo Soldiers” of World War II.

“Inside Buffalo” is a documentary about the 92nd Buffalo Soldiers Division, the all African American segregated combat unit that fought primarily in Italy during World War II. The film recently won the “Best Documentary” award at Black International Cinema Berlin 2009.

The screening will take place in the Performing Arts Center’s Theater 1 at 7995 Georgia Avenue on the ground level. It is free and open to the public.

“I am excited to kick-off Black History Month with this powerful and moving film,” said Council Vice President Ervin, who represents Kensington, Silver Spring, Takoma Park and Wheaton.

The film will be on a premiere screening tour around the nation during February, with stops at the Department of Veteran’s Affairs; the Martin Luther King, Jr. Public Library in Washington, D.C.; the Museum of African American Cinema; the United States Military Academy at West Point; the Pan African Film Festival; and the Texas Black Film Festival.

“At a time when we are celebrating important people and events in the history of the African diaspora, I believe it’s critically important to focus on those who have given our nation so much through their service in the U.S. Armed Forces,” said Councilmember Ervin. “Despite their unequal treatment, African American soldiers exhibited extraordinary bravery in the face of intense racial prejudice at home and abroad.”

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