

Hollywood's Time

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The Late great James Brown has been gone for a short while, this is me belated tribute to a man who made America a better place for African Americans. There was a time "when God created James Brown" and during this remarkable man's journey through life, he changed the world. In the mind of this journalist, the contributions of the late flamboyant "Godfather of Soul" to America, without a doubt made contributions better for Black people. James Brown rejuvenated and energized African Americans with his song "Say It Loud, Im Black and Im Proud", when opening Americas eyes to black culture and a race of people who had been through "pure hell" but were still Black and proud. James Brown grew up in the South, so he fully understood racism, Jim Crown Laws, White privileges, black retrictions



privileges, black retrictions and what was "acceptable behavior" to balck folks back then...Yet he masterfully navigated his way through all of teh barriers of segregation and bigotry to become one of the greatest most influential Americans who ever lived. While there are people, both black and white who dont really understand the importance of James Brown life, there are millions of other Americans that understand that James Brown in his own way articulated the Black experience in America

in a way that made black folks feel good about themselves and white folks understand that we (black people) were not ashamed of our race. I know that things that James Brown stood for are surely needed today by our modern blackBlack youth who seem to be proud of red and blue colors, video games, clothes, music and everything else except their race. If more African Americans would have the "Say it Loud, Im Black and ImProud" mentality,therewould be fewer Black gang members and less Black and Black crime of all ages. I could go on forever about James Brown's positive

great Rev. Al Sahrpton in New York, when he was a little boy. I will this article by saying that we losta great man. If you dobut the authenticity of Jamer Browns career, then go out and research his life for yourself-"please", "please"! God Bless America, Africa and future"James Browns" who make us feel proud to be black! effect on America, which also includes him discovering the

failure at his home in FloridaThe legendary singer and performer, known for his homemade square guitar, dark glasses and black hat, was an inductee into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, had a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame, and received a lifetime achievement award in 1999 at the Grammy Awards. In recent years he also played for the elder President Bush and President Clinton. Diddley appreciated the honors he received, "but it didn't put no figures in my checkbook."

"If you ain't got no money, ain't nobody calls you honey," he quipped.

The name Bo Diddley came from other youngsters when he was growing up in Chicago, he said in a 1999 interview.

"I don't know where the kids got it, but the kids in grammar school gave me that name," he said, adding that he liked it so it became his stage name. Other times, he gave somewhat differing stories on where he got the name. Some experts believe a possible source for the name is a one-string instrument used in traditional blues music called a diddley bow.

Rock Pioneer Bo Diddley Dies at Age 79

From Heart Failure Bo Diddley, a founding father of rock 'n' roll whose distinctive "shave and a haircut, two bits" rhythm and innovative guitar effects inspired legions of other musicians, died after months of ill health. Diddley died of heart

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