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Dear Gov. Atiyeh:

My name is Ruththella R. White. My mother, Ruththella Jackson, recently passed away and I am writing a 14 page article about her life between 1923 and 1941. My mother told stories about attending grade school with you. She always talked about the integrated society she lived in before the war. My mother passed away in February and I want to honor her by writing this story.

I would like to interview you about the racial integration and interaction in Portland before the war. These are years that are missing from Portland's history and I would like to talk with you about your experience.

The magazine article, The Lost Years of an African-American woman, is a class project. I am a Senior at Portland State. It is a story my mother always wanted to make public considering some of the information and misinformation about racial history in Portland. Your help with this project would be very helpful in revealing a period of racial harmony in Portland that has gone unnoticed.

Respectfully  
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