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**OLYMPIC MEDALIST, SHANI DAVIS, COMES TO ATLANTA TO  
RAISE FUNDS FOR FORMER WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPION'S  
CHARITY**

**ATLANTA – Tuesday, April 25, 2006 – 2006 Olympic Gold Medalist in Speed Skating, Shani Davis** will be in Atlanta sharing his story of overcoming obstacles to obtain success on **Thursday, May 18 2006** at **Justin's Restaurant, 2200 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, 30309**, from **6pm to 12am**, as the Keynote Speaker at the **First Annual Destiny's Child Inc. Fundraiser** hosted by Former Welterweight Champion, **Vernon Forrest**.

This event will raise funds as well as awareness for mentally disable children and adults that are in constant care and support by the services provided by Destiny's Child Inc. Destiny's Child Inc. was established by the former Welterweight Champion, Vernon Forrest, to provide residential services and training for persons with developmental, emotional, and psychological disabilities and needs, so that they may live as independently as possible in an unrestrictive environment. Residents in this facility have been clinically diagnosed as being able to reside in the facility as mentally challenged. Destiny's Child Inc. is committed to meeting and surpassing the highest standards when it comes to assisting children and adults in there time of need.

Shani Davis, the first African-American man to capture an individual gold at the Winter Olympic Games, will be on hand share his story of growing up in the streets of Chicago, and how those experiences gave him a vision to set his eyes set on the road to the gold.

**Vernon Forrest and Shani Davis will be available for interviews. Working media is invited to attend the event and interview both Shani Davis and Vernon Forrest on Thursday, May 18, 2006 at Justin's Restaurant. For more information or to schedule an interview, please contact, Marcelle English at (404)512-2484 or via e-mail at [MEnglish@OriginsPR.com](mailto:MEnglish@OriginsPR.com).**

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### **About Vernon Forrest**

Vernon Forrest is a professional boxer from Augusta, Georgia. In 1992, he defeated Shane Mosley at the U.S. Olympics Trials to become the U.S. light welterweight representative at the Olympics. Forrest made it to the quarterfinals before losing. He turned professional after the Olympics.

In 2001, Forrest won the IBF welterweight title. The following year, he fought the WBC welterweight champion, Shane Mosley. Many considered Mosley to be the best fighter in the world, and he was the betting favorite to win the fight. However, Forrest scored an upset and beat Mosley by a one-sided unanimous decision. Six months later, Forrest once again defeated Mosley by a unanimous decision. His two wins over Mosley earned Forrest the Ring Magazine 2002 fighter of the year award.

In January of 2003, Forrest fought the WBA welterweight champion, Ricardo Mayorga. Forrest suffered his first professional loss when Mayorga knocked him out in the third round. Later that year, he fought Mayorga again and lost by a majority decision.

Forrest is currently campaigning as a junior middleweight and is targeting IBF champion Roman Karmazin.

### **About Shani Davis**

Shani Davis born August 13, 1982 in Chicago, Illinois is an American speed skater who competes in both short track and long track speed skating. At the 2006 Winter Olympics, Davis became the first black athlete to win a gold medal in an individual sport (1,000m) and the fourth black Winter Olympics medalist.

At 6'2", Davis is the tallest American speed skater; most speed skaters are much shorter, making it easier to race low to the ice. "It's hard for me to get low and do all this leaning and trying to protect my track," said Davis. Since 2002, Shani has trained out of Calgary, Alberta, Canada.