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As America tried to make her peace with the wounds of Vietnam and the scars of segregation, schools implemented plans for racial diversity. *Swann v Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education* had long been a closed case when new events in North Carolina caused it to be reopened.

This time white plaintiffs alleged that race-based integration plans discriminated against children who are not black. Three decades after the Supreme Court declared it would

eliminate from the public schools all vestiges of state-imposed segregation...

a new set of white plaintiffs asserted race-conscious admission policies are discriminatory. In other words, they alleged the *Swann* case itself became unconstitutional.

But the climate of America was much different when the *Swann* case returned to the Supreme Court. The turbulent days of 1971 are completely unknown by an entire generation. Even for people who lived through gut-wrenching days of political unrest, student protest and seemingly endless war in Vietnam, those times are becoming a distant memory.

It seems fitting, then, to *Remember the Titans* as they and their coaches confronted not only the internal pressures of integration, but also the external pressures of political unrest. To have become champions despite formidable odds against them is a tribute to the character of T. C. Williams High, its football team, and their coaches.

It is also a testament to the power of the human spirit in overcoming the most extraordinary obstacles imaginable.

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