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Mr. Tarpley is a defender of the cause of liberty and a frequent speaker on the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. He is the author of a resolution adopted by the Louisiana State Bar Association on June 9, 2016, calling for the legislature to restore the unanimous criminal jury verdict in Louisiana. He was a leading advocate and spokesman for the successful statewide campaign in 2018 to adopt a constitutional amendment which restored the unanimous criminal jury verdict in Louisiana and repealed a Jim Crow law which dated back to 1880 during the post-Reconstruction era. In 2018, Mr. Tarpley was awarded the Kevin Kane Justice Award by Louisiana Family Forum for his commitment to justice and outstanding leadership in the passage of Senate Bill 243 requiring unanimous juries in Louisiana and was also honored by the Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers who awarded him the Chief Justice Pascal F. Calogero, Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award.