NAACP Image Awards to honor Gore, Maathai

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The NAACP says it will honor environmental activists Al Gore and Wangari Muta Maathai at its 40th Image Awards.

The Feb. 12 ceremony will kick off a yearlong centennial celebration for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Gore and Maathai, both Nobel Peace Prize laureates, were chosen by NAACP Board Chairman Julian Bond to receive the chairman’s award. Nominations for the Image Awards, which honor those who promote diversity in the arts, will be announced Jan. 7.

Gore and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change received the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize for bringing attention to global warming. Maathai and the Green Belt Movement, the environmental group she founded, won the Peace Prize in 2004.