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MARYLAND WOMEN'S HERITAGE CENTER OPENS IN BALTIMORE

A Special Invitation-Only Grand Opening Celebration is Tuesday, May 25 at 10:30 a.m.

WHAT:

The first comprehensive state-based center and museum of its kind in the United States, the Maryland Women's Heritage Center honors Maryland's historical and contemporary renowned women and girls who have been inducted into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame, as well as the Unsung Heroines. It serves as the permanent home for the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame, which began in 1985.

The Center also is a resource clearinghouse for information about Maryland women and a gathering place to hold workshops, forums, and other special events, including a forum to address issues impacting girls, women, and their families.

WHO:

Approximately 200 guests will be in attendance for this special opening celebration. Speakers include:

- Frances Hughes Glendening, Former First Lady of Maryland and President of the Board of the Maryland Women's Heritage Center
- Jill Moss Greenberg, Executive Director of the Maryland Women's Heritage Center
- Shoshana S. Cardin, Maryland Women's Heritage Center Executive Board Member and Honorary Development Chair
- Baltimore City Councilwoman Helen Holton and Chair of the Maryland Commission for Women
- Senator Catherine Pugh and Delegate Barbara A. Robinson representing the Women Legislators of Maryland

WHEN: Tuesday, May 25, 2010

10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Maryland Women's Heritage Center

39 West Lexington Street, Baltimore

At the corner of Lexington and Liberty Streets

WHY: The Maryland Women's Heritage Center is an outgrowth of the Maryland Women's

History Project that began in 1980 as a collaborative venture between the Maryland Commission for Women and the Maryland State Department of Education. As a national first, the Center serves as a model that can be replicated and adapted by other states