



Media Alert

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\$16 M RENOVATION OF GRAGG PARK CAMPUS GARNERS STATE HISTORIC DESIGNATION

HPARD Headquarters Receives City, State and National Landmark Designations

HPARD, in conjunction with the Texas Historic Commission, will unveil a marker at the Gragg Building Dedication Ceremony on December 11, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. The building will be designated a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark by the Commission. This honor is the third historic designation bestowed on the Gragg Building, which is already listed as a city landmark and on the National Register of Historical Places. The \$16 million Gragg Park Campus Renovation Project preserved the Gragg Building and renovated an existing warehouse to create a new Recreation and Wellness Division building.

WHAT: The Texas Historic Commission will unveil a marker to designate the Gragg Building as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark. The building, also known as the Farnsworth Chambers Building, was the original headquarters for NASA during the Mercury Program. This designation is the third historic designation for the Gragg Building, which is already listed as a city landmark and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

WHO: **Sue Lovell**, Vice Mayor Pro-Tem
Joe Turner, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department
Texas Historical Commission, Unveiling Recorded Texas Historic Landmark Marker
Houston Police Honor Guard

WHEN: **Friday, December 11, 2009**
10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Gragg Park Campus
2999 South Wayside Drive
(Southeast of downtown Houston off of the I-45 Gulf Freeway)

ON-SITE MEDIA

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