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GRAND OPENING OF SECOND MLB URBAN YOUTH ACADEMY TO TAKE PLACE AT SYLVESTER TURNER PARK IN HOUSTON

WHO: Bob DuPuy – President and Chief Operating Officer, Major League Baseball
Jimmie Lee Solomon – Executive Vice President, Baseball Operations, Major League Baseball
Drayton McLane – Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Houston Astros
Sylvester Turner – Representative, State of Texas
Brad Mills – Manager, Houston Astros
Wandy Rodriguez – Starting Pitcher, Houston Astros
Michael Bourn – Outfielder, Houston Astros
Larry Dierker – Community Outreach Executive, Houston Astros
Jimmy Wynn – Community Outreach Executive, Houston Astros
Enos Cabell – Special Assistant to the General Manager, Houston Astros
Annise Parker – Mayor, City of Houston
Sheila Lee Jackson – Representative, 18th District, State of Texas
John Whitmire – Texas State Senator, District 15
Joe Turner – Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department

WHAT: Major League Baseball (MLB), the Houston Astros, and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department (HPARD) will be on-hand for the Grand Opening of the Houston Astros MLB Urban Youth Academy at Sylvester Turner Park in a special ribbon cutting ceremony. The second MLB Urban Youth Academy will provide year-round free baseball and softball instruction to local youth ages 7-17.

After the grand opening ceremony, MLB and the Houston Astros will host a clinic for local youth featuring current and former Astros. Additionally, MLB will host an event from the “Wanna Play?” initiative, a fun and engaging program dedicated to helping young people improve their fitness, increase awareness of good nutrition and hydration, and learn basic baseball and softball skills.

WHEN: Saturday, April 10, 2010
11:00 a.m. CT

WHERE: Sylvester Turner Park, 2800 West Little York in Houston, Texas (media entrance: 2701 Victory Way)

NOTE: *Members of the U.S. Army’s “Silver Wings” parachute team will be dropping in to deliver the first pitch

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