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Naturalization Ceremony to take place at The Hermitage

80 new U.S. citizens will take their oaths of allegiance at the presidential home

September 10, 2013 – A group of 80 new United States citizens will take their oaths of allegiance on the front lawn of The Hermitage, Home of President Andrew Jackson, on Friday, September 20 during the U.S. District Court's annual naturalization ceremony.

U.S. District Court Judge Todd J. Campbell will preside over the ceremony, which will be attended by several of Tennessee's congressional representatives, as well as members of the Ladies Hermitage Association, Metro Nashville Council, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the National Society of Colonial Dames of America, Daughters of 1812 and Andrew Jackson Elementary School.

“We are privileged to once again host a naturalization ceremony at The Hermitage,” said Howard J. Kittell, president and CEO of The Hermitage. “It is singularly one of the most patriotic events I have ever witnessed. I cannot think of a more fitting location to bestow U.S. citizenship than at Andrew Jackson’s home.”

Andrew Jackson was, himself, the son of Scots-Irish immigrants and a veteran of the American Revolution.

The ceremony will commence at 10:00 a.m. with a flag ceremony conducted by the McGavock High School Air Force JROTC, and the national anthem sung by the Nashville Children’s Choir. A private reception for the dignitaries, new citizens, and their families will be held on the west lawn at the conclusion of the ceremonies. The program is free to participants and their families, and is open to the general public, with site admission.

About The Hermitage

The Hermitage, Home of President Andrew Jackson is one of the largest and most visited presidential homes in the United States. In 1856, the State of Tennessee purchased the property from the Jackson family, entrusting it to the Ladies’ Hermitage Association in 1889 to operate as one of America’s first historic site museums. Today, The Hermitage is a 1,120-acre National Historic Landmark with more than 30 historic buildings, including restored slave cabins. Thanks to efforts of this nonprofit organization, the mansion is the most accurately preserved early presidential home in the country. The Hermitage is a national model for authenticity,

conservation, and historic preservation. In recent years, new interpretive initiatives and educational programs such as archaeology and the history of slavery have enhanced the experience of some 180,000 annual visitors, including 30,000 school children, from all 50 states and many foreign countries; in fact, we interpret the Hermitage mansion in five foreign languages. The property also receives 30,000 annual visits from the local community, including more than 1,000 children who play Little League baseball at The Hermitage's Rotary Park. The Hermitage is a "Partner Place" with the National Trust for Historic Preservation; and a site along the National Park Service's Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. For more information, visit www.thehermitage.com.

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