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The Hermitage Marks Battle of New Orleans Anniversary Jan. 8 With Free Admission

HERMITAGE, Tenn. (Jan. 6, 2017) – In recognition of the 202nd anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans, Andrew Jackson's Hermitage will host a day of free events on Sunday, Jan. 8.

As part of the day's events there will be a ceremonial wreath laying at Andrew Jackson's tomb at 2 p.m. at The Hermitage. U.S. Representative Phil Roe will be the keynote speaker. Congressman Roe is the current occupant of the Andrew Jackson seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. Linda Tripp, President of the Tennessee Chapter of the United States Daughters of 1812 also will make comments. The Master of Ceremonies for the wreath-laying will be Vice Regent of the Andrew Jackson Foundation and CedarStone Bank President Bob McDonald. The Tennessee National Guard will provide the color guard and some of the music for the annual ceremony.

“The Battle of New Orleans was once celebrated much like how we celebrate July 4th. We open our doors to the public for free every year on Jan. 8 to remind everyone why.” said Howard Kittell, CEO of Andrew Jackson's Hermitage.

The January 8th event commemorates General Andrew Jackson's decisive victory over the mighty British army at the Battle of New Orleans, the last major battle of the War of 1812. Jackson's stunning victory with 5,530 American troops against a seasoned British force of nearly 10,100 secured New Orleans and the Mississippi Valley from British control, allowed for westward settlement and economic development on the lands west of the Allegheny Mountains, revitalized American's faith in their country's future, and made Jackson a national hero. The victory also raised the status of the fledgling United States in the eyes of European powers who had seen the county as not much more than a temporary experiment in self-government. The victory eventually led to Jackson becoming the 7th president of the United States.

The annual Hermitage commemoration of the Jackson-led U.S. victory over British troops is a tradition dating back to the 1890s.

In addition to touring The Hermitage, visitors can also visit the *Andrew Jackson: Born for a Storm* exhibit, which covers 4,200 square feet and includes significant Jackson artifacts from The Hermitage collection, such as Andrew Jackson's presidential carriage and a gold presentation box given to Jackson for his victory in the Battle of New Orleans. A special section is dedicated to Jackson's historic victory in the battle, and visitors can relive the war story through interactive

