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The Hermitage to celebrate 114th annual *Spring Outing* First Lady Crissy Haslam to speak at May 15 luncheon

May 6, 2013 – The Hermitage, Home of President Andrew Jackson, will host its annual “Spring Outing” on May 15 at 11:00 a.m., announced the Ladies Hermitage Association.

Crissy Haslam, first lady of Tennessee, will be featured as keynote speaker at the event, which is celebrating its 114th year on the lawn of the Hermitage mansion.

“The Ladies Hermitage Association’s ‘Spring Outing’ is one of our most time-honored traditions at The Hermitage and we are thrilled to welcome Mrs. Haslam as our speaker,” said Howard J. Kittell, president and CEO of The Hermitage. “For more than 100 years, the Ladies Hermitage Association and friends of The Hermitage have gathered at this time to celebrate their accomplishments and to honor the memory and legacy of the family who called The Hermitage home.”

The Ladies' Hermitage Association has cared for and preserved the home of President Andrew Jackson since 1889.

Spring Outing 2013 event chairs are Carrie Hininger and Mary Belle Grande. Presenting sponsors are Adams and Reese LLP and CCA. Tickets are \$40 for the general public, \$35 for members and seniors 65+ and \$75 for patrons. For more information contact Pam King at (615) 889-2941 x200 or pking@thehermitage.com.

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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