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**Free Admission to the Oregon Historical Society
In Celebration of Oregon Statehood Day
Sunday, February 13, Noon – 5 PM**

Portland, OR – January 28, 2011 — Visit the Oregon Historical Society on Sunday, February 13 for special programming and free admission in honor of Oregon's 152nd birthday. View OHS's wide variety of exhibits, from our permanent exhibit Oregon My Oregon, to our newest exhibit Perseverance: Black Pioneers in Early Oregon. February 13 is the last day to visit two of our traveling exhibits, Walls of Heritage, Walls of Pride: African American Murals and Marking Time: Voyage to Vietnam, so be sure to make your way to the South Park Blocks before these fantastic exhibits close!

Representatives from the Oregon Northwest Black Pioneers will be available in the Perseverance exhibit to talk to visitors about the exhibit, which they co-created with OHS. Children will be able to play with a jigsaw puzzle of Oregon in the exhibit, and then they can visit our "What is it?" table, where they will have the chance to investigate artifact replicas.

At 2 PM, the Oregon Historical Society's Interim Executive Director, Kerry Tymchuk, will be presenting a lecture titled "Laughing All the Way to the White House." Kerry Tymchuk assisted former Senator Bob Dole in the writing of two books of political humor, *Great Political Wit*, and *Great Presidential Wit* (in which they ranked all of our presidents by their sense of humor). In "Laughing All the Way to the White House," Tymchuk will share some of his favorite stories, jokes, and anecdotes as told by America's presidents.

Following the lecture, enjoy a slice of Oregon's birthday cake, and frozen yogurt samples sponsored by Lucky Spoon Frozen Yogurt, while supplies last! Lucky Spoon Frozen Yogurt is the new self service frozen yogurt café located across the street from OHS. Lucky Spoon Frozen Yogurt is open everyday from Noon to 10:30 PM, and is located on the corner of SW Jefferson and SW Park. Don't miss a fun filled day at the

Oregon Historical Society, open on Sunday from noon until 5 PM. For more information about upcoming events at OHS, visit www.ohs.org.

About the Oregon Historical Society

The Society has served since 1898 as Oregon's primary research collection and museum about Oregon history. OHS has an extensive collection of historical pieces, including over 85,000 artifacts and 3 million photographs and films. It safeguards and presents Oregon's history through a museum, research library, traveling exhibits, school programs and website content.