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PHL Airport Exhibit Event Pays Tribute to 100 History Makers

PHILADELPHIA – In partnership with the African-American Museum of Philadelphia – the first institution built by a major U.S. city to house and interpret the life and work of African-Americans – Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) has presented an exhibition honoring *100 African-American History Makers of the 20th Century*.

Today, more than a dozen of the individuals featured in the exhibition and their representatives joined Airport CEO Chellie Cameron, City Commerce Director Harold Epps and Museum President and CEO Patricia Wilson-Aden in a special event celebrating the exhibition and the Museum's 40th anniversary. Several members of Philadelphia City Council and the Airport Advisory Board were also in attendance.

Each of the 100 individuals featured in the exhibition has deep connections to Philadelphia.

"Philadelphia is a diverse city with a rich African-American history," said Cameron. "The 100 individuals in this exhibit are an inspiration to everyone regardless of race, ethnicity or socio-economic background. We are proud to partner with a treasured institution like the African-American Museum to share this remarkable heritage with a worldwide audience."

Epps, the Museum's former chairman, presented a Mayoral Proclamation to Wilson-Aden, who introduced each of the honored guests present: NBA Hall of Famer Sonny Hill, Pulitzer Prize winning playwright Charles Fuller, best-selling author Lorene Cary, Fels Planetarium chief astronomer and renowned sciences expert Derrick Pitts, African-American women's sports pioneer Tina Sloan Green, prominent attorney and former Assistant U.S. Attorney of the U.S. Justice Department Edward S.G. Dennis Jr., Ellen Tiberino of the "Wyeths of West Philadelphia" Tiberino Family, renowned visual artist Barbara Bullock, renowned abstract painter Moe Brooker, Dixie Hummingbirds member Reverend Joe Williams, and noted artist and musician Richard Watson. Honorees represented included renowned photographer Charles Blockson, teen idol and recording artist Dee Dee Sharp Gamble, and noted photographer Deborah Willis.

100 History Makers of the 20th Century is on display through July and is accessible to ticketed passengers on the walkway between Terminals E and F.



Airport CEO Chellie Cameron (front, second from left) and African-American Museum CEO Patricia Wilson-Aden (from, far left) are presented with a Citation from Philadelphia City Council members Derek Green, Jannie Blackwell and Blondell Reynolds-Brown. The Citation recognized the 100 History Makers of the 20th Century exhibit at PHL.