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City of Miami and Dade Heritage Trust to Dedicate the Old Miami High Building

Miami, FL –Mayor Manny Diaz, City of Miami Commissioners and members of the Dade Heritage Trust will celebrate the grand opening of the restored Old Miami High, on March 3rd, 2009 at 10:30am, at Southside Park, 198 SW 11th Street.

Built in 1905 in Downtown Miami as the city's first high school, this wood frame structure was moved south of the Miami River in 1911. It served as the first Southside Elementary School from 1911 to 1914, later becoming a boarding house. Old Miami High has now been restored, with an historic classroom for tours, educational meeting space and a City Parks office.

Among the honored guests attending the ceremony will be **Miss Lamar Louise Curry, at 102 years young, she was a teacher at Miami High School for 32 years and the restoration was accomplished in part with the aid of her \$15,000 donation to the project.**

Included in the historic classroom will be an antique wooden 1900-era student school desk, historic photos of students at the building, a 1902 map of Florida and eventually a 1905 American flag.

The City of Miami has pride in the preservation of another historic landmark and welcomes the public to visit and witness first hand the building in which many of Miami's first students received their education.

Who: Mayor Manny Diaz, City Commissioners, Dade Heritage Trust, Southside Elementary School Chorus, Miami Senior High School Drumline, Miami High Alumni and residents.

What: Grand Opening of the restored 1905 Old Miami High

Where: Southside Park, 198 SW 11th Street, Miami, Florida (parking is limited)

When: Tuesday, March 3, 2009 from 10:30am – 12pm

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