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HISTORY CENTER ADDS THREE NEW TRUSTEES TO BOARD

TAMPA, Fla.—The Tampa Bay History Center has elected three new trustees to its board – Steve Raney, Santiago C. Corrada and Jose Vivero.

Raney, a Tampa native and Chamberlain High School graduate, has strong ties to the local community and has been actively involved with the United Way of Tampa Bay. A graduate of the University of Florida's Hough Graduate School of Business, Raney currently serves as president and CEO of Raymond James Bank.

Corrada currently serves the City of Tampa as Administrator of Neighborhood Services. As a Magna Cum Laude graduate from the University of Miami, Corrada holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a Master of Science in Education. Corrada has been the recipient of numerous professional, civic and academic awards, including the 2007 Delta Sigma Theta Society's Tampa Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter and Tampa Alumnae Chapter Certificate of Appreciation for Valuable Contributions.

Vivero serves on a variety of nonprofit boards and is a board member of the University of South Florida Foundation. In April 2006, Vivero was appointed Honorary Vice Consul of Spain for the Tampa Bay region and west coast of Florida. He was also awarded the Medal of La Encomienda de la Orden del Merito Civil for meritorious service to Spain from His Majesty King Juan Carlos I of Spain. Vivero is currently chairman, president and CEO of Century Bank of Florida.

“We welcome our newest board members and look forward to their guidance as they assist us in fulfilling our mission of bringing this ambitious project to reality,” said C.J. Roberts, president and CEO of the Tampa Bay History Center. “All three appointees are dedicated community leaders and will work to create a history center that is a national model for dynamic, innovative and enjoyable regional history.”

About The Tampa Bay History Center

Founded in 1989, the Tampa Bay History Center serves and educates the community through the discovery, preservation and interpretation of the rich cultural heritage of the people of “historic” Hillsborough County and the Tampa Bay region and their relation to the United States and the world. During the last several years, the Tampa Bay History Center has mounted exhibitions, educated thousands of students about area history, sponsored public lectures and workshops, published numerous books on local pioneer history and on Tampa's African-American history, and collected thousands of items documenting the Tampa Bay regional history.

In December of 2004, Tampa and Hillsborough County leaders formally signed a deal to build the Tampa Bay History Center on parkland fronting Garrison Channel. With the new facility scheduled to open in 2008, the Tampa Bay History Center will continue to serve as a valuable community resource that will preserve the unique and rich cultural heritage of the Tampa Bay area.

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