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**HISTORY CENTER ADDS TWO NEW MEMBERS TO BOARD**

**TAMPA--** The Tampa Bay History Center has elected two new members to its board, Judge E.J. Salcines and Gary W. Harrod.

Rejoining the Board after ten years of service as an appellate judge, E.J. Salcines, a Tampa native, has been a lawyer for 45 years. He was the elected State (Prosecuting) Attorney in Hillsborough County for 16 years. He was appointed in 1998 by governor Lawton Chiles to the District Court of Appeal. He has served as President of the Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association and Vice-President of the National District Attorneys Association. In 1993, the President of the University of South Florida awarded him the President's Distinguished Citizen Award and in 1996 the Distinguished Service Award for his work as a Trustee on the USF Foundation. Salcines received his Bachelor of Arts from Florida Southern College and his Doctor of Jurisprudence from South Texas College of Law, and he has two Honorary Doctorate Degrees. Last year, as a member of the Tampa Bay History Center delegation, Judge Salcines visited 10 museums in Spain attaining reciprocal agreements on exchange of documents, maps and artifacts for the opening of the History Center.

Harrod, an active member in the local community, currently sits on the board of the Bank of Tampa and the Board of Trustees of the Business School at Texas Tech University. Harrod is a past board member of the Florida Aquarium, the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center and the Children's Home. Harrod is currently the President/Owner of Harrod Properties Inc., a commercial real estate development company that designs and builds office and industrial buildings.

"We are excited to welcome E.J. and Gary to the board and look forward to the guidance they will provide as we continue to build and prepare for our grand opening," said C.J. Roberts, President/CEO of the Tampa Bay History Center. "They both are dedicated community leaders with experience that will help 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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