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2010 MAKING HISTORY AWARDS

Museum recognizes three individuals and one unique company on May 13

CHICAGO (May 7, 2010) – The Chicago Historical Society is proud to announce its distinguished recipients for the 2010 Making History Awards. Each recipient has made significant historical contributions to the city and the nation. The awards will be presented on Thursday, May 13, 2010 at the Palmer House with cocktails beginning at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner and the awards presentation. This year's recipients include William M. Daley, Orestes "Minnie" Minoso, Janet Davison Rowley, and Exelon Corporation.

William M. Daley is awarded the The Bertha Honoré Palmer History Maker Award for Distinction in Civic Leadership. This award will be presented by Maggie Daley, chair of After School Matters, to William Daley for his work as a public servant, attorney, banker, corporate leader, and Chicagoan. Daley worked for President Bill Clinton as special counsel on the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement, and served as Clinton's Secretary of Commerce. Daley has been an attorney, former president of SBC Communications, and currently serves as the Midwest Chairman of JPMorgan Chase and Company. Daley also serves on the board of directors of Abbott Laboratories, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Boeing Company, Loyola University Chicago, and Northwestern University. He sits on the Council on Foreign Relations, the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, the US-China Business Council, and the TransAtlantic Business Dialogue.

Orestes "Minnie" Minoso is awarded The Amos Alonzo Stagg Sr. History Maker Award for Distinction in Sports. This award will be presented by Potter Palmer, president of Palmer-Florida Corporation and life trustee of the Chicago Historical Society. Known as the Cuban Comet and Mr. White Sox, Minoso's successful baseball career with the White Sox began on May 1, 1951. He was the first person of color to wear the uniform of the Chicago White Sox, but he also played for the Cleveland Indians, Washington

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Senators, and the St. Louis Cardinals. Minoso's career batting average registered at .298, with 186 home runs, 1,136 runs, and 1,023 runs batted in. He was a seven-time All-Star, and received three Gold Glove Awards. His career began in Cuba in 1925, and between 1945 and 1948 he played third baseman for the New York Cubans of the Negro National League. In 1983 the Chicago White Sox retired the number 9 in his honor. In total, Minoso played in the Major Leagues over five decades and professional ball in seven.

Janet Davison Rowley is awarded The Enrico Fermi History Maker Award for Distinction in Science, Medicine, and Technology. The award is presented by Hanna Holborn Gray, president emerita of the University of Chicago and 2008 Making History Award recipient. Rowley has found herself in many roles as a physician, scientist, leader, and teacher with worldwide acclaim for her research that has revolutionized scientific understandings of how damage to genes causes disease. At age fifteen, Rowley received a scholarship to a University of Chicago program that served as the ideal foundation for a research career. She remained at the University of Chicago, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in 1946 and a doctor of medicine degree in 1948. In the 1970s, Rowley advanced the methods for staining chromosomes to view them under a microscope. This enabled her to characterize the exact defect in the abnormal Philadelphia chromosome, which is found in patients with certain types of leukemia. Despite initial resistance to Rowley's findings, her work proved immensely influential. Rowley continues her research today and has authored more than four hundred scientific articles and received many prestigious awards, including the Gairdner International Award, Benjamin Franklin Medal for Distinguished Achievement, National Medal of Science, American Association for Cancer Research Award for Lifetime Achievement as well as the 2009 Presidential Medal of Freedom, presented by President Barack Obama.

This year the Museum recognizes **Exelon Corporation** with the The Cyrus McCormick History Maker Award for Historic Corporate Achievement. Accepted by John W. Rowe, chairman and chief executive officer, the award will be presented by Lester Crown, chairman of Henry Crown and Company and 2000 Making History Award recipient. The legacy of Exelon Corporation extends back to 1882, when the Western Electric Company was founded in Chicago. By 1919, the company, as Chicago Edison, counted 415,000 customers, generating capacity of 519,000 kilowatts, and annual revenues totaling more than

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\$30 million. Over the next several decades, the company thrived, and by the 1990s, it listed 3.4 million customers and annual revenues of some \$7 billion. Exelon was formed in 2000 when Commonwealth Edison merged with Philadelphia's PECO Energy Company. Today, Commonwealth Edison serves 3.8 million customers spread across approximately 11,400 square miles in Chicago and northern Illinois. Exelon stands out as a major player on energy policy and development and in 2008, Exelon announced *Exelon 2020*, the company's strategy to eliminate its entire carbon footprint and a preeminent plan for addressing climate change in the energy industry. In April 2009, Exelon reported that it had already voluntarily reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by nearly six million metric tons. John Rowe has attained international regard for his devotion to clean energy and conservation, and leaders across our nation's public and private sectors recognize that Exelon stands at the forefront of corporate responsibility. In 2009, Exelon distributed \$21 million in grants to nonprofit organizations; and nearly 1,800 employees volunteered more than 58,000 hours of community service for 1,200 nonprofits through Exelon's Energy for the Community. The Chicago History Museum is especially grateful to John and Jeanne Rowe as well as to Exelon for their sustained and ardent involvement.

The Board of Trustees of the Chicago Historical Society and the Making History Awards Committee thank the event's lead sponsors Exelon Corporation and JPMorgan Chase for their generous support. This year's event co-chairs include past Making History Award recipients Norman R. Bobins, Carole and Gordon Segal, and James A. Skinner.

Tickets for this year's dinner and reception start at \$500 per person, and may be obtained by contacting Kari Riordan at PJH & Associates at 312.553.2000. Proceeds from the awards dinner benefit the programs and exhibitions of the Chicago History Museum.

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The Chicago History Museum, a major museum and research center for Chicago and American history, is located at 1601 N. Clark Street. The Museum can be reached by CTA buses 11, 22, 36, 72, 151, and 156. Parking is conveniently located one block north of the Museum at Clark and LaSalle Streets (enter on Stockton Drive). Admission to the Museum is \$14 adults with audio tour, \$12 seniors/students with audio tour, free for children 12 years and younger. General Admission is free on Mondays. Please call 312.642.4600 or visit us at www.chicagohistory.org. The Chicago History Museum is affiliated with the Chicago Historical Society and acknowledges the Chicago Park District's generous support of all the Museum's activities.