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Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Considers, Honors Gulf Coast Recovery Efforts at Summer Business Meeting in Vicksburg, Mississippi

WHAT: The Summer Business Meeting of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) will include: a presentation by the State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs) of Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama on Gulf State hurricane recovery efforts; presentation of the ACHP Chairman's Award for Federal Achievement in Historic Preservation to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), with partnership certificates presented to the Mississippi SHPO, Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians; presentation of the ACHP Award for Federal Preserve America Accomplishments to the National Park Service (NPS) for its Preserve America Grants program; and a full agenda during the public business meeting with an emphasis on implementing recommendations from last October's Preserve America Summit in New Orleans, which was called and presided by Mrs. Laura Bush, First Lady of the United States and Honorary Chair of Preserve America.

WHO: John L. Nau, III, chairman, ACHP, will preside and present the awards. Also participating are:

- Officials from FEMA, NPS, MEMA, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians; and, the Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi SHPOs.
- 22 additional ACHP members and/or their representatives.

WHERE: Vicksburg Convention Center, 1600 Mulberry Street, Vicksburg, Mississippi. The meeting is open to the public and media.

WHEN: Friday, August 17, 2007, beginning at 9 a.m. and concluding at noon.

ABOUT THE ACHP: The ACHP, an independent federal agency, promotes the preservation, enhancement, and productive use of the nation's historic resources and advises the President and Congress on national historic preservation policy. It also provides a forum for influencing federal activities, programs, and policies that impact historic properties. In addition, the ACHP has a key role in carrying out the Administration's Preserve America initiative. See www.achp.gov for more information.

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