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The Long Black Line to Premier at National Preservation Conference in St. Paul

The Documentary's Director, Herman Wright, To Speak About The Film That Explores The
Values of African American Families in East Texas

HOUSTON, Sept. 2007 -- The Long Black Line.Org, (LBL.org) announced today that the documentary, *The Long Black Line*, will premier at the National Preservation Conference in St. Paul, Minnesota on October 3, 2007, at 12:00 noon. The film's, Director, Herman Wright, Jr., an East Texas native, will host a question and answer session after the film. A major sponsor of the conference is the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The documentary tells the story of the rural community of Mt Union Texas that was founded by African Americans after Emancipation in the 19th Century. It explores the values of the families who lived there, their relationship to the land and their historical legacy in America.

Who: Herman Wright, Jr. Director of Documentary
What: Premier of *The Long Black Line*, a documentary exploring the values of African American families in East Texas and their historical legacy in America at National Preservation Conference
Where: St. Paul River Center, 175 W. Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, Minn.
When: Wednesday, Oct. 3, at 12:00 noon

Providing educational support for the film and other initiatives that preserve the history of rural communities founded by African Americans in Texas is The Long Black Line.Org (LBL.org). According to LBL.org, by the 1920's, more than 5,000 of these communities still existed across the South. During the 1920's and 1930's a great school building movement happened in which each of these communities built a community school with the financial assistance, inspiration and leadership of industrialist Julius Rosenwald and educator Booker T. Washington. Today only 500 of these buildings remain standing. Part of LBL.org's mission is to support the preservation of the remaining structures.

For information on how to support this effort contact Herman Wright, Jr. at Herm.Wright@thelongblackline.org. School district seeking information about the documentary or are interested in contributing existing curriculums to the Rosenwald School project should contact info@thelongblackline.org. Visit the LBL.org web site at www.thelongblackline.org. The Long Black Line.Org is located in Houston with a satellite office in Jasper, Texas.