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W.R. Poage Library Honors Lincoln Bicentennial with Exhibition and Lecture

(Waco, Texas) January 15, 2009 — The W.R. Poage Legislative Library of Baylor University is proud to present *With Malice Toward None: An Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Exhibition* from February 12-August 28, 2009. The exhibition commemorates the 200-year anniversary of Lincoln's birth and will feature numerous items on loan from the private collection of Judge Jack Hightower. There will be a variety of Lincoln memorabilia including rare and signed books about Abraham Lincoln, reproductions of interesting documents, framed artwork and a re-creation of the Lincoln Memorial.

Judge Hightower is a former Texas Supreme Court Justice and Baylor alumnus who has long been a great admirer of Abraham Lincoln.

"Lincoln was a dynamic leader, and people recognize the struggles he faced as he gracefully led this nation through one of its most turbulent times," said Judge Hightower.

Hightower is excited that the Poage Library is joining in the nation-wide celebration of Lincoln's birth so people can learn about and re-visit the story of Abraham Lincoln.

"This timely exhibition is a great opportunity for students, families and the Waco community to take part in a special celebration of Abraham Lincoln and the perfect time to honor one of our nation's greatest presidents," Judge Hightower said.

The opening reception for the exhibition will take place from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on Feb. 12, 2009 at Poage Library.

In conjunction with the exhibit, Bob Willard will present a lecture on February 19. Willard is the past president and director of the Abraham Lincoln Institute and the current vice president of the Abraham Lincoln Association. He will speak about studying and collecting materials related to Lincoln over the past 50 years.

There will be a reception for Bob Willard from 3:00-4:15 p.m. on Feb. 19, 2009, at the W. R. Poage Legislative Library. Following the reception, Willard will present his lecture, "Collecting Lincoln" at 4:30 p.m. in the Meadows Recital Hall at the Glennis McCrary Music Building.

The exhibition, receptions and lecture are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Ben Rogers at 254-710-3540 or email Poage_Library@baylor.edu. A press kit is available at www.baylor.edu/lib/poage/lincoln.

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