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CSOSA CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH STUDENTS FROM WALKER-JONES ELEMENTARY

The Special Observance Committee of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA), in conjunction with its announces their program for this year's **Black History Month** celebration. The program is entitled "REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST...LEGACY FOR THE FUTURE: A SALUTE TO BLACK NEIGHBORHOODS, INSTITUTIONS, AND CULTURE." The program will take place on February 26, 2002, at CSOSA headquarters, 633 Indiana Avenue, NW, 6th floor, rooms 4A/B, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The keynote speaker will be third generation Washingtonian, Professor Edward Smith, Director of American Studies and Special Assistant to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at American University. The program will also include an unveiling of two noteworthy artworks from the artist named "Woody" in a three-dimensional and multi-media effect entitled "Emancipation" and "Dinka Woman."

Black History Month is an annual observance, in February, of the past achievements and current status of African Americans. It coincides with the birthdays of the great black leader Fredrick Douglas (February 14) and of Abraham Lincoln (February 12). The idea for an observance honoring the accomplishments of African Americans led to the establishment of Negro History Week in 1926. Carter G. Woodson, a black historian known as the Father of Black History, proposed it. The observance became known as Black History Week during the early 1970's and was established as Black History Month in 1976.

For more information about the program , please call Gladys Dorgett at (202)328-4410 or Bill Hasson at (202)585-7485.