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The ADA Legacy Project Commends LBJ Presidential Library for Inclusion of Disability as Civil Right

Atlanta, GA - The ADA Legacy Project joins ADAPT, the National Council on Disability, and the National Disability Leadership Alliance in commending officials at the LBJ Presidential Library for recognizing and presenting disability rights as civil rights.

The number of Americans living with disabilities is fast approaching 60 million. Many of us face or have had to face discrimination in one way or another in our lives: in public access, housing, transportation, employment, health care and community-based options. Our struggle, too, is one of civil rights.

Again, we thank the LBJ Presidential Library for joining us in recognizing disability rights as civil rights. We believe this action will set the stage for routine inclusion of disability rights in any future discussions of or gatherings about civil rights across the nation.

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In addition, July 26, 2014 will mark 24 years since the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), one of the major pieces of disability civil rights legislation, was signed into law.

Currently, The ADA Legacy Project is partnering with disability groups, corporations, government agencies and individuals across the nation to plan and implement a national awareness tour intended to honor and preserve disability history and legacy, celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ADA, and educate the public concerning disability rights and justice.

On July 25, 2014, the ADA Legacy National Tour will kick off in Houston, Texas, home of President George HW Bush, who signed the ADA into law. The exhibition of historic photos, documents and displays will open at the Abilities Expo in Houston before embarking upon a year-long, cross country tour. With anchor stops in all Abilities Expo cities, the exhibit will also be part of events in a number of cities and towns important to the history of disability, culminating in July 2015 in Washington DC, as part of the ADA 25 Gala, March and Rally, hosted by the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) and others.

Disability Rights Social Documentarian, Tom Olin will be accompanying the tour with the Disability Rights Center’s Road to Freedom Vehicle. The number of tour events will grow over the course of the next several months. To follow the tour or become involved please visit: adalegacy.com