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Oral History Project HAROLD WASHINGTON COLLEGE

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS

that on Wednesday, January 20, 2010, the Harold Washington College Center for Creative Aging opened the first of what is intended to be an annual series of Oral History exhibits, and;

that the exhibit was entitled "Hard Times, Yesterday and Today: Living Chicagoans' Experience of the Great Depression and Current Recession," and;

that this ground-breaking and innovative oral history exhibition featured videotaped interviews with eight Chicago elders who lived through the nation's worst economic crisis, sharing what it was like, how they survived and what we all can learn from their experiences, and;

that a standing room only crowd attended the opening event where six of the eight people featured in the exhibit got up to speak, and;

that the Oral History exhibit was put together by Dr. Jacquelyn Mattfeld, Director of the Center for Creative Aging; Abby Smith, Coordinator at the Center for Creative Aging; Greg King, Director of Public Relations; Heather Shevitz, Marketing Coordinator; Vanessa Smith, Interim Curator, HWC Art Department; Janice Mason, HWC Building Manager and George Bickford, Assistant Dean of Instruction.

Respectfully submitted,

Deidra J. Lewis Interim Chancellor

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