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PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S COTTAGE AND VISITORS CENTER RECIEVE VICTORIAN SOCIETY IN AMERICA PRESERVATION AWARD

Award honors the restoration of the Lincoln summer White House and the adaptive reuse of the building that houses the Visitors Center

Washington, D.C. (July 20, 2009)— President Lincoln's Cottage, a National Trust Historic site located in Washington, D.C., is receiving the Victorian Society in America's prestigious Preservation Award for the restoration of President Lincoln's Cottage and its surrounding grounds. The award, officially presented this morning during a ceremony at President Lincoln's Cottage, honors the quality of the restoration and the attention to historical detail throughout the Cottage. In addition, the award praises the interactive and interpretative exhibits in the LEED-Gold Certified Robert H. Smith Visitor Education Center, an adaptive reuse of the former administrative offices of the Armed Forces Retirement Home.

This morning's ceremony included the presentation of the award from Charles Robertson III, a Vice president of the Victorian Society in America and Chair of its Preservation Committee, to Frank Milligan, Director of President Lincoln's Cottage, and was followed by a tour of the cottage and grounds.

Charles Robertson III, vice president of the Victorian Society in America and Chair of its Preservation Committee, noted that the VSA was "impressed by the research, planning and high standards of the restoration work, which required the services of skilled architects and contractors, as well as many specialized craftsmen.."

"This award underscores one of our key goals for this restoration, which was to ensure that we were as historically accurate and faithful to Lincoln's era as possible," said Frank Milligan, Director of President Lincoln's Cottage. "It not only allows future generations to see the Cottage and grounds from Lincoln's perspective, but also to gain a better understanding of a place where important decisions that still impact our lives today were made."

For more information about President Lincoln's Cottage or to schedule a visit, please go to www.lincolncottage.org.

About President Lincoln's Cottage

President Lincoln's Cottage, which served as Lincoln's family residence for a quarter of his presidency, is located on the grounds of the Armed Forces Retirement Home in northwest Washington, DC. The site opened to the public in February 2008, following a seven-year, \$15 million dollar restoration. The Robert H. Smith Visitor Education Center, a LEED-Gold certified facility located in a restored 1905 building adjacent to the Cottage, presents permanent and temporary exhibitions about Lincoln's presidency, family, and Washington, DC during the Civil War.

About the National Trust for Historic Preservation

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is a non-profit membership organization bringing people together to protect, enhance and enjoy the places that matter to them. By saving the places where great moments from history – and the important moments of everyday life – took place, the National Trust for Historic Preservation helps revitalize neighborhoods and communities, spark economic development and promote environmental sustainability. With headquarters in Washington, DC, nine regional and field offices, 29 historic sites, and partner organizations in all 50 states, the National Trust for Historic Preservation provides leadership, education, advocacy and resources to a national network

of people, organizations and local communities committed to saving places, connecting us to our history and collectively shaping the future of America's stories. For more information visit www.PreservationNation.org.

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