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HABITAT TO HOST HOME DEDICATION FOR FAMILY IN MOSS POINT

Gulfport, Miss. (July 17, 2014) – Habitat for Humanity of the Mississippi Gulf Coast will honor home owner Ednearl “Sally” Epps with a home dedication Wednesday, July 23, 2014 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at 4518 Tram Street in Moss Point, Mississippi.

Epps is a lifelong resident of Moss Point where she and her late husband raised 5 children. She retired from Huntington Ingalls Industries after 26 years. Epps was in need of a new home after hurricane damage, mold and termites made her existing home uninhabitable.

Volunteers from across the Mississippi Gulf Coast as well as from across the country have lend their time to building the home. Many single volunteers as well as groups from Huntington Ingalls Industries, Beau Rivage, Mississippi Power Company, Hancock Bank, Nielsen Holdings, Keesler AFB, NCBC Gulfport, and Women in Construction have helped build the home. HFHMGC’s Women Build 2014 project was also hosted at the home.

"I just feel wonderful and loved, and I am blessed," Epps said.

Epps’ new home was made possible through a unique partnership between Habitat for Humanity and Gulf Coast Renaissance, an independent Community Development Financial Institution founded in 2006 to create affordable housing in Mississippi.

“As a locally based nonprofit, we are focused on creating sustainable housing initiatives for the communities we serve, and one of the most effectual ways we can accomplish this objective is by collaborating with respected and established organizations such as Habitat for Humanity of the Mississippi Gulf Coast,” said Kimberly LaRosa, president and CEO of Renaissance. “By blending the strengths of our two nonprofits, we are able to realize even greater mission successes, and deserving people like Mrs. Epps can have a safe, attractive and affordable place to call home.”

Please RSVP for the event through Habitat at RSVP@hfhmgc.org or by calling (228) 678-9100. For information on Habitat and home ownership opportunities, please visit www.hfhmgc.org.

About Habitat for Humanity of the Mississippi Gulf Coast

Habitat for Humanity of the Mississippi Gulf Coast was formed in January 2007 when Harrison County HFH and HFH of Jackson County merged organizations. Since then, HFHMGC has incorporated Stone County into its service area and has constructed or repaired more than 850 homes. HFHMGC works in partnership with community stakeholders to create innovative, sustainable housing solutions by empowering all members of our community to actively participate in creating opportunity for people to transform their own lives. To learn more, visit www.hfhmgc.org.

About Gulf Coast Renaissance Corporation

Gulf Coast Renaissance is a nonprofit Community Development Financial Institution focused on developing communities which provide safe, quality housing solutions and promoting economic opportunities. Through its non-traditional lending and many valuable community partnerships, Renaissance has made the dream of homeownership a reality for more than 900 families, resulting in an economic impact of approximately \$39.6 million. Renaissance offers unique mortgage

and business lending opportunities. For more information about Renaissance, please go to msgcrc.com, like us on Facebook at facebook.com/gulfcoastrenaissancecorp or call 228-896-3386.

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