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**JOIN DR. JOHN TELFORD AS HE DISCUSSES “A LIFE ON THE RUN”
THURSDAY, APRIL 22 AT THE DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

DETROIT – The **Detroit Historical Society** continues its **Scholar Series** with a special evening featuring **Dr. John Telford**, author of “**A Life on the RUN**” on **Thursday, April 22, at 6 p.m.** at the **Detroit Historical Museum**.

A Life on the RUN chronicles the turbulent life of Telford, a retired education executive who was raised on Detroit’s near-west side. As a young teen, Telford was incarcerated. He was also expelled from a Detroit high school for fighting with a school administrator. Despite his tumultuous teen years, Telford became a world-class track athlete, led suburban school districts and directed programs that worked toward reforming street gangs and rehabilitating parolees. He also fought for urban school reform and minority rights. As a deputy superintendent of schools in Rochester, Michigan, his home was riddled with gunfire because of his decision to hire black administrators. Join Telford as he discusses his powerful and inspiring story.

Telford, a published poet, was inducted into the Wayne State University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1978. He has written newspaper columns, hosted radio shows and directed human-rights agencies. Telford, a former director of the Division of Basic Education at Macomb Community College, has taught at both Wayne State and Oakland University.

The cost of the event is free for Detroit Historical Society members and \$10 for the public. Advance registration is requested but walk-ins are welcome. For more information or to register for the event, please call **(313) 833-1801** or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of Kirby) in Detroit’s Cultural Center area, is open to the public Wednesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from Noon to 5 p.m. On Mondays and Tuesdays, the Museum is not open to the public, but is available for group tours by calling **(313) 833-7979**. Adult admission is \$6. Seniors (60+), college students with valid college ID, and youth ages 5-18 pay \$4. Admission for children ages four and under is free. Parking in the

Museum's lot is \$4 at all times. Permanent exhibits include the famous *Streets of Old Detroit*; *Frontiers to Factories*; *The Motor City*; and *The Glancy Trains*.

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