DENNIS ARCHER HEADLINES A GROUP OF HONOREES BEING SALUTED BY THE DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY’S BLACK HISTORIC SITES COMMITTEE ON FRIDAY, JULY 26 AT THE DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM

DETROIT – The Detroit Historical Society’s Black Historic Sites Committee is observing their 42nd anniversary this year, and the celebration continues with a special fundraising event on Friday, July 26 at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle. Cocktails and a strolling supper begin at 5:30 p.m., with the program following at 7 p.m.

Themed as “Looking Back, Moving Forward,” the event celebrates a group of individuals who have achieved African American firsts in their respective fields. The honorees include:

- The Honorable Dennis Archer, the first African American president of the American Bar Association.
- Melvin Jefferson, the first black fire commissioner with the City of Detroit.
- Tom Turner (1927-2011), the first black elected president of the local AFL-CIO.
- Charles C. Diggs (1922-1998), the first African American Congressman elected from Michigan.
- Carole Anne-Marie Gist, the first African American to win the Miss USA title.
- Anna Diggs Taylor, the first African American appointed to a federal judgeship in Michigan and the first chief federal judge in Michigan’s Eastern District.

WDIV-TV Local 4 Meteorologist, Andrew Humphrey will serve as master of ceremonies for the event.

Tickets for the event are $30 for Detroit Historical Society & Committee members and $40 for the public. For more information or to call to make a reservation, call (313) 833-1262 or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

The Black Historic Sites Committee of the Detroit Historical Society, founded in 1971, is a group of volunteers that promotes a greater understanding of the contributions of African Americans to the history of metro Detroit and the state of Michigan

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