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History Center to Host “This African-American Life: An Evening with Hugh B. Price”

-This FREE program is presented by the African American Program of the Heinz History Center and the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh-

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 4, 2018 – The Smithsonian-affiliated Senator John Heinz History Center will host Hugh B. Price for a discussion with KDKA’s Lynne Hayes-Freeland on his recent memoir entitled “**This African-American Life**” on **Thursday, Oct. 18 at 6 p.m.**

The program is presented by the History Center’s African American Program and the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh, in celebration of the centennial of the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh.

Price, who served as president and CEO of the National Urban League from 1994 to 2003, will explore how his background led him to champion education and the creation of opportunity to help others achieve the success he has experienced during his lifetime.

Price will also discuss his fascinating and historically significant ancestors, including Nero Hawley, who fought in the American Revolution and served at Valley Forge under George Washington, and George Latimer and his wife Rebecca, who escaped from slavery in Virginia by stowing away on a boat and traveling to the North disguised as a master and slave.

Copies of “This African-American Life” will be available for purchase at the program, and Price will sign copies following his presentation.

Admission to this event is FREE but does not include access to museum exhibitions. Pre-registration is encouraged at www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events.

****Media Note:** *Hugh Price will be available for interviews throughout the day on Thursday, Oct. 18, upon request.***

About Hugh B. Price

Hugh B. Price served as president and chief executive officer of the National Urban League from July 1994 until April 2003. From 2008 until 2013, he was the John L. Weinberg/Goldman Sachs Visiting Professor of Public and International Affairs in the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University. He also served as a Nonresident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution, the nation’s oldest think tank.

From 1978 until 1982, Mr. Price was a member of the editorial board of The New York Times. He then served as senior vice president of WNET/Thirteen in New York, where he directed the division which produced all national programming provided by the station to PBS. Price was

appointed vice president of the Rockefeller Foundation in 1988, where he oversaw its domestic investments to improve education for at-risk youth and increase opportunities for people of color.

The History Center's African American Program is dedicated to the preservation, dissemination, and interpretation of the life, history, and culture of Africans and African Americans in Western Pa.

The Senator John Heinz History Center, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and the largest history museum in Pennsylvania, presents American history with a Western Pennsylvania connection. The Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum is a museum within a museum, comprehensively presenting the region's remarkable sports story through hundreds of artifacts and interactive experiences for visitors of all ages. The History Center and Sports Museum are located at 1212 Smallman Street in the city's Strip District, and are open every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The History Center's museum system includes the Sports Museum; the Fort Pitt Museum in historic Point State Park; and Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, a National Historic Landmark located in Avella, Pa. in Washington County. More information is available at www.heinzhistorycenter.org.



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