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**CEO BURRELL ELLIS CELEBRATES
THE LIFE OF ANNE FRANK**

Georgia Commission on the Holocaust Commemorates Frank's 80th Birthday

DECATUR – Chief Executive Officer Burrell Ellis joined Sylvia Wygoda, Executive Director of the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust; Alexis Scott, Atlanta Daily Word Publisher; General Lutz Görgens, German Consul; and Representative Michelle Henson (D-65) to commemorate Anne Frank's 80th birthday and the 50th anniversary of the film, *The Diary of Anne Frank*. During the event, CEO Ellis read a small excerpt from *The Diary of Anne Frank* to illustrate Anne Frank's character and maturity during the Holocaust.

"I am extremely proud to be a part of this celebration and share the rich history of the Holocaust with the citizens of DeKalb County," said CEO Ellis. "The Anne Frank in the World exhibit is a symbol of the injustices this world has seen and our responsibility to educate our community on the past to prevent tragedies like this from happening in the future."

The celebration of Anne Frank's birthday will be held June 9 –12 at the Anne Frank in the World exhibit, located at 101 East Court Square in the Old Historic Courthouse on the Square in Decatur, GA. Admission is free and tours of the exhibit are available. In addition, the public can view original student artwork from the "What are the Lessons of the Holocaust" project; as well as professional sculptures.

The Anne Frank in the World Exhibit opened in DeKalb County on December 12, 2006. DeKalb is also home to a large number of holocaust survivors. Representative Michelle Henson (D-65) was instrumental in sponsoring legislation (HB 1664) to create a Georgia Commission on the Holocaust in March 1998.

For more information on the Anne Frank in the World exhibit, please call 404-370-3056.

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LEFT: CEO Ellis joins Sylvia Wygoda, Executive Director of the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust to celebrate the life of Anne Frank

RIGHT: Sylvia Wygoda, Executive Director of the Georgia Commission (whose father was a Holocaust victim), CEO Ellis and Alexis Scott (whose father witnessed the liberation of Buchenwald)

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