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Local Artist honored at the Florida House in Washington D.C.

DeLand, FLORIDA, May 23, 2007 – On Tuesday, May 15, 2007 Museum of Florida Art's Artist-in-Resident Jackson Walker and wife Nancy Walker, Docent Jewel Dickson, Board President Reggie Santilli and Executive Director Jennifer Coolidge traveled to Washington D.C. to present "Return To Big Cypress" to the Florida House.



The 30"x48" oil painting is a historical depiction by Walker of a Seminole family's arrival for the Green Corn Dance Celebration.

The painting is part of the Museum of Florida Art's *Legendary Florida* collection and will remain on display at the Florida House in Washington, D. C. during this next year, which has been designated "The Year of the Seminole".

The presentation ceremony consisted of Seminole leaders, dancers and poets. Jackson Walker made a presentation to the Board of Trustees of the Florida House. Using a multi-media presentation, Mr. Walker shared several of his paintings culminating in a discussion of "Return to Big Cypress."

"It is indeed a great honor that the Museum of Florida Art's *Legendary Florida* collection will be represented on a national level." Said Jennifer Collage Executive Director

The Museum of Florida Art's *Legendary Florida* collection began in 1990 by Florida-born artist Jackson Walker. Walker envisioned a collection of paintings portraying incidents and personalities in Florida history from the fourteenth century with the Spanish era through the next four hundred years into twentieth century American Florida.

To date, 16 works have been created drawing from historical accounts, to depict varied scenarios that make Florida so unique and intriguing. The collection is currently on display at the DeLand Court House.

For more information on the artist, the collection and the educational accompaniments, please visit www.delandmuseum.com/legendaryflorida

The Museum of Florida Art offers a venue where: creativity is fostered, appreciation of art is nurtured, all people are welcomed. The mission of the Museum of Florida Art is to integrate exhibitions and education to create an enriching and stimulating

experience for a diverse audience. The Museum of Florida Art offers a venue for emerging and established Florida artists to support the cultural legacy of our state.

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