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**Foundation for Historical Louisiana
Seeks Endangered Historical Properties Nominations**

The Foundation for Historical Louisiana (FHL) is calling for nominations for historic properties that have potential for restoration and redevelopment or are “endangered.” The multi-parish capital region is the focus of this effort to protect and preserve these unique "treasures," said FHL Executive Director Carolyn Bennett.

The nomination deadline is Monday, May 7. FHL Chairman Darryl Gissel and the Board of Directors will announce the list at the at the organization's annual preservation meeting scheduled May 17 at 5:30 p.m. at the Old Governor’s Mansion.

The public is invited to attend. The organization will join with other preservation groups across the country to celebration National Preservation Month in May. Michele Deshotels is chairman of the FHL committee that will review the nominations.

"This is the first time the FHL has created its own preservation “possibilities and endangered” program," said Bennett. In the past, the organization has nominated numerous unique properties to endangered programs sponsored by the statewide Louisiana Trust for Historic Preservation and the Louisiana Landmarks

Society, which covers New Orleans. According to Bennett, FHL will continue to make nominations to these lists, but is seeking greater input from this multi-parish capital area region. FHL contends that with local leadership more properties can be identified and preserved for future generations especially using historic preservation tax credits and other incentives offered by local, state, and federal governments.

The FHL has assisted with preserving numerous endangered properties, including Magnolia Mound, Historic City Park Golf Course, the Old Governor's Mansion, the Hotel Heidelberg, Historic Magnolia Cemetery, and others over its 43 year history.

To nominate a property, individuals must complete the nomination form available via the internet at www.fhl.org or by calling 225-387-2464 to receive a form. The information needed is the name of property, address or location, nominator's name and contact information, approximate age and description of the property, brief history, why the property is considered a treasure and/or endangered, what actions might be necessary to alleviate the threat, local groups that might support the nomination, and supporting materials. The nominations can be emailed to fhla@bellsouth.net or faxed to 225-343-3989.

For more information, call 387-2464.

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