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PRESS ADVISORY

26th Annual Adoption Day in Court Celebrates a Family for Every Child while Promoting Children's Literacy

DC Superior Court and the DC Child and Family Services Agency will co-host their 26th Annual Adoption Day in Court ceremony on Saturday, November 17, 2012. The ceremony is designed to celebrate the joy of adoption and encourage area residents to consider adopting or fostering a child in the District's public child welfare system. Approximately **120 children in DC foster care are awaiting adoptive homes.**

Over 20 adoptions will be finalized at this year's ceremony. Each child and his or her family will be introduced to the audience to come forward as their judge signs the adoption decree.

WHAT: Adoption Day Celebration
WHERE: Moultrie Courthouse - 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W. - 3rd Floor Atrium
WHEN: Saturday, November 17, 2012 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
**WHO: Superior Court Chief Judge Lee F. Satterfield
Family Court Presiding Judge Zoe Bush
CFSA Director Brenda Donald
2012 US Olympic Bronze Medalist Reese Hoffa, Guest Speaker**

All children adopted in DC during the past year - and their families - have been invited to the ceremony and celebration.

Those interested in finding out more about becoming an adoptive or foster parent are urged to call **202/671-LOVE**, the CFSA hotline for prospective foster and adoptive parents. CFSA volunteers will also be present at the event to talk about fostering and adopting in DC.

The public is most cordially invited to attend.

Media Note: Cameras and audio recorders WILL be allowed into the courthouse for the purpose of capturing the ceremony. Judges and adoptive family members will be available for interview

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