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**EXHIBIT CELEBRATES THE FIRST 100 YEARS OF THE WEST WING**

**THE WEST WING  
WORKSHOP OF DEMOCRACY  
The First 100 Years**

The White House Historical Association announces the opening of “The West Wing: Workshop of Democracy” an exhibit of newly uncovered photographs and artifacts to celebrate the centennial of the renovation of the White House and the building of the West Wing. “The West Wing: Workshop of Democracy” opens at the White House Visitor Center, 1450 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. on November 12, 2002 and will be on display through March 2, 2003. The public is cordially invited to an opening reception with refreshments on November 12 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. free of charge.

One hundred years ago President Theodore Roosevelt transformed the home and office of the president into the White House we recognize today. There were few things in the world big enough to contain the exuberant Theodore Roosevelt, his wife Edith, and six rambunctious children. With family quarters and offices jammed together on its second floor, the White House was not only too small for the Roosevelt family, but also for the burgeoning government of the youthful and powerful new nation.

The bold makeover reflected the rise of the United States as a world power and the emergence of the president as an international figure. Importantly, Roosevelt's presidency also ended a chaotic mixture of family and business activity in the White House. For many years the chief executive's ever growing staff worked at the east end of the second floor just down the hall from cramped family quarters. The 1902 Roosevelt restoration created more comfortable family living arrangements and efficient new workspaces for the presidential staff in a new executive office building on the west grounds. Harper's Weekly called the understated temporary wing, the White House Workshop. For the next century this structure, successively altered and enlarged, grew with the nation and its importance in world affairs. Today the West Wing has emerged

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