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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

April 9, 2010

**GRAND OPENING OF SECOND MLB URBAN YOUTH ACADEMY  
TO TAKE PLACE AT SYLVESTER TURNER PARK IN HOUSTON**

**WHO:** Bob DuPuy – President and Chief Operating Officer, Major League Baseball  
Jimmie Lee Solomon – Executive Vice President, Baseball Operations, Major League Baseball  
Drayton McLane – Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Houston Astros  
Sylvester Turner – Representative, State of Texas  
Brad Mills – Manager, Houston Astros  
Wandy Rodriguez – Starting Pitcher, Houston Astros  
Michael Bourn – Outfielder, Houston Astros  
Larry Dierker – Community Outreach Executive, Houston Astros  
Jimmy Wynn – Community Outreach Executive, Houston Astros  
Enos Cabell – Special Assistant to the General Manager, Houston Astros  
Annise Parker – Mayor, City of Houston  
Sheila Lee Jackson – Representative, 18<sup>th</sup> District, State of Texas  
John Whitmire – Texas State Senator, District 15  
Joe Turner – Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department

**WHAT:** Major League Baseball (MLB), the Houston Astros, and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department (HPARD) will be on-hand for the Grand Opening of the Houston Astros MLB Urban Youth Academy at Sylvester Turner Park in a special ribbon cutting ceremony. The second MLB Urban Youth Academy will provide year-round free baseball and softball instruction to local youth ages 7-17.

After the grand opening ceremony, MLB and the Houston Astros will host a clinic for local youth featuring current and former Astros. Additionally, MLB will host an event from the *“Wanna Play?™”* initiative, a fun and engaging program dedicated to helping young people improve their fitness, increase awareness of good nutrition and hydration, and learn basic baseball and softball skills.

**WHEN:** **Saturday, April 10, 2010**  
**11:00 a.m. CT**

**WHERE:** Sylvester Turner Park, 2800 West Little York in Houston, Texas (**media entrance: 2701 Victory Way**)

**NOTE:** \*Members of the U.S. Army’s “Silver Wings” parachute team will be dropping in to deliver the first pitch

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