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Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Opens Governor "Pat" Brown Exhibit

Sacramento— Secretary of State Bruce McPherson unveiled an exhibit to commemorate the life and legacy of former Governor Edmund G. "Pat" Brown today at the California State Archives and the California Museum for History, Women and the Arts (California Museum). The exhibit, titled "SUPERSTATE: Pat Brown and a New California," opened today to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the late governor's birth.

"In many ways, today's California is the house that Brown built, from our highways and freeways to our colleges and universities, from the visionary California Water Project to our anti-discrimination laws," Secretary of State McPherson noted. "He created an infrastructure for the Golden State that has set the model for those who followed him."

Secretary of State Bruce McPherson continued, "Pat Brown, California's 32nd Governor, is considered one of the central figures in modern California history. The California that Brown helped to create during the late 1950s and 1960s is viewed by many as the high point in the development of the state's infrastructure. The California of the Pat Brown era is still viewed as a time of unbridled optimism where state government was able to successfully meet the economic and social challenges caused by rapid growth and change."

The Pat Brown exhibit displays artifacts from his years as Governor (1959 to 1967), along with material from his many years of public service. Brown served as California's Attorney General from 1951 until 1959, and as San Francisco District Attorney from 1944 until 1951. Also included in the exhibit are artifacts of the late Bernice Layne Brown, his wife and partner for 65 years.

The exhibit is funded by The Mid-Twentieth Century Governors' Education and History Project, a non-profit group designed to promote historical retrospectives on the governorships of Earl Warren, Goodwin Knight and "Pat" Brown. The Brown exhibit is the first of a projected series on the three former California governors and will remain on display at the museum through October.

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Co-sponsoring organizations of the exhibit are the Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley; the Edmund G. "Pat" Brown Institute of Public Affairs at California State University, Los Angeles; the Center for California Studies, California State University, Sacramento; and the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

The exhibit is displayed within the California Museum for History, Women and the Arts. The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon until 5 p.m. It is located at 1020 O St., in downtown Sacramento. Admission is \$5.00 for adults; \$4.00 for seniors; \$3.50 for children ages 6 to 13; and children under 6 are admitted free of charge.