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GLBT Historical Society Lauds Signing of FAIR Education Act

San Francisco — On July 14, 2011, California Governor Jerry Brown signed the Fair, Accurate, Inclusive and Respectful (FAIR) Education Act, authored by Senator Mark Leno. The bill ensures that the historical contributions of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) people and people with disabilities are accurately represented in instructional materials in California public schools.

The San Francisco–based GLBT Historical Society, one of the largest archives of GLBT historical materials in the world, responded to the news with the following statement from its executive director, Paul Boneberg. In January 2011, the society opened The GLBT History Museum in the city’s Castro District—the first full-scale, stand-alone museum of its kind in the United States.

“With the adoption of the FAIR Education Act, California has taken another important step toward encouraging full equality for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people. Giving students an opportunity to learn about the contributions that GLBT people have made to our state will help create an atmosphere of understanding for GLBT students—and will empower those students with the self-respect they need to succeed in school and in life. We applaud the actions of the State of California to ensure that the history of GLBT people will be included in our classrooms.”

The GLBT History Museum, located at 4127 18th St. in San Francisco, is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Sunday and Monday, noon to 5:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.glbthistory.org.

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EDITOR’S NOTE: Professional educators who serve as members of the board of the GLBT Historical Society are available for interview about the FAIR Education Act. For more information, contact Gerard Koskovich at gkoskovich@gmail.com.

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