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LITERACY ADVANCE RECEIVES NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

Houston, Texas, February 18, 2010—On February 18, 2010 Literacy Advance of Houston was awarded accredited status for a second time by ProLiteracy. Literacy Advance of Houston has served the Greater Houston community for 46 years helping adults improve their reading, mathematics, listening, writing, speaking, and technology skills.

Peter Waite, Vice-President of Programs and Services, says, “We are proud to add Literacy Advance of Houston to our growing list of accredited organizations. They have demonstrated that their program meets the highest national standards for volunteer literacy programs and that their services to the community are effective. We applaud the many volunteers, staff, and students who have devoted their time and effort to achieve this goal.”

ProLiteracy’s Accreditation provides literacy programs with a comprehensive process for: 1) conducting an organizational self-assessment; 2) developing program improvement plans; and 3) demonstrating that their organization meets the highest standards for governance, program management, program operations, and volunteer development.

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Literacy Advance of Houston is a nonprofit educational program dedicated to transforming lives and communities through the doorway of literacy. Literacy Advance of Houston is the oldest and largest community-based 100% volunteer-supported literacy organization in Texas.

ProLiteracy Worldwide is a nonprofit educational organization that supports local literacy programs through a national network of approximately 130,000 volunteers and 1,200 local, state, and regional literacy providers in the United States. ProLiteracy's purpose is to sponsor educational programs and services whose purpose is to empower adults and their families by assisting them to acquire the literacy practices and skills they need to function more effectively in their daily lives and participate in the transformation of their societies. ProLiteracy Worldwide was formed by the recent merger of Laubach Literacy International and Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc.

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