



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For media information:
Barbara Metyko, 713-863-9993
bmetyko@covad.net

**MT. VERNON FLAG WILL FLY OVER HOUSTON'S
WASHINGTON ON WASHINGTON PARADE**

“WOW The Parade” Honors The Nation’s First President

February 6, 2007, Houston, Texas - Call it a parade with local and national connections: an historic Houston avenue, named after the First President of the United States – George Washington. This annual parade will celebrate his 275th birthday and in his honor display the flag flown at Washington’s Mt. Vernon estate.

Super Neighborhood #22 believes honoring the 275th birthday of George Washington is the perfect theme for the Washington Avenue parade, highlighting the east-west corridor’s rich history. Washington Avenue has evolved since Houston’s founding in the 1830s from a primitive trail linking the new city to the Republic of Texas capitol at Washington-on-the-Brazos into today’s emerging urban residential, dining, and entertainment destination.

The Saturday, March 3rd parade will begin at 10:00 AM on historic Washington Avenue just west of Shepherd Drive and continues west to the entry of Memorial Park. The parade will feature history and modes of travel from the 1830’s to the present day with bicycles, skaters and many more people-powered surprises.

Super Neighborhood #22 represents all neighborhoods within the boundary of I-45 to the east, Loop 610 on the west, White Oak Bayou to the north and Buffalo Bayou on the south. This area is home to many of Houston’s oldest and richest historic sites and events.

News of this year’s George Washington themed parade was a source of pride for the Mt. Vernon Association in Virginia. Executive Director, James Rees, said, *“We are pleased with Super Neighborhood #22’s decision to highlight the birth of our nation’s first president and we encourage other communities around the country to do the same. We hope many Houstonians enjoy the flag that has flown here in President Washington’s honor.”* Rees added that Washington only enjoyed a brief retirement at Mt. Vernon before his death. He was eulogized as “first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen.”

“WOW The Parade” organizers recognize the importance of honoring President Washington as we renew our patriotic principles of “Liberty and Honor” while reconnecting neighborhoods in this grass roots-local endeavor. **For more information visit: www.wowtheparade.com**