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New England Historic Genealogical Society to Honor Legendary Television Anchors Bob Schieffer and David Hartman

January 14—Boston, Massachusetts—Two of America's legendary television news anchors will be honored by the nation's founding genealogical institution, New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS), as it hosts a final event in April for its history-making capital campaign, which now exceeds \$56 million.

Brenton Simons, president and CEO of NEHGS, announced today that Bob Schieffer, the immediate past anchor of the CBS *Evening News*, moderator of *Face The Nation*, and former *60 Minutes* correspondent, along with David Hartman, the documentary journalist and beloved, longtime host of ABC's *Good Morning America*, will both be given the Society's Lifetime Achievement Award at the event, in tribute to their contributions to broadcast news media. Moderating a lively conversation about their broadcasting careers, world events, and personal interests, will be NEHGS's treasurer Bill Griffeth, anchor of *Closing Bell* on CNBC.

Simons announced that the April 22 gala, the 2016 Family History Benefit Dinner, will be the closing event of a historic, record-setting capital campaign for the organization. In July 2015, the \$55 million goal of its comprehensive capital campaign was surpassed. Through the campaign NEHGS has acquired a building adjacent to its Newbury Street location to expand its headquarters to include educational space for school children, a museum shop, and increased office and exhibition space. The campaign has also supported a major website initiative that has added more than two billion new records to the Society's award-winning website, AmericanAncestors.org.

NEHGS, with its national headquarters located in Boston's Back Bay, celebrated its 170th Anniversary in 2015. It is the oldest and largest genealogical society in America. NEHGS was formally constituted in March of 1845 by an act of the legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and now consists of more than 150,000 constituents engaged in family history nationally and around the world. It is home to a world-class research library and archive, an expert staff, offers an award-winning genealogical research website at AmericanAncestors.org, and maintains a publishing division producing original genealogical research, scholarship, and instruction each year. At the gala, the honorees will be presented with expertly prepared genealogies of their families—a tradition of the Society for many years. The event will take place on Friday, April 22, at the Four Seasons in Boston and is open to the public. The Corporate Sponsors are Wells Fargo and Welch & Forbes LLC.

For more information or to make a reservation, visit the NEHGS website at AmericanAncestors.org/dinner, contact Danielle Torres at Danielle.Torres@nehgs.org, or call 617-226-1215.

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