*Jimmy Carter Library & Museum* **News Release**

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## Carter Presidential Library Welcomes Sugar Bowl Visitors

*Visitors from West Virginia & Georgia Encouraged to See First Ladies Exhibit*

**Atlanta, GA.-** Visitors attending the January 2nd Bowl between West Virginia and Georgia will have an opportunity to see one of the most popular exhibitions ever created by the Smithsonian Institution. *First Ladies: Political Role and Public Image* features more than one hundred fifty items from the nation's first ladies, dating back to Martha Washington. Exquisite gowns, beautiful china and silver, as well as personal and political memorabilia depict the various roles first ladies have assumed.

The items include clothing from Dolly Madison, Eleanor Roosevelt, Jackie Kennedy, Laura Bush and many others. Visitors will see Mary Todd Lincoln's silver and the funeral card created for her assassinated husband. There is jewelry from Mamie Eisenhower and Abigail Adams; White House china; and videos that described the evolution of the first lady from social hostess to political activist.

In addition to the *First Ladies* exhibition, visitors to the Carter Presidential Library will see the museum's permanent exhibit, with President Carter's Nobel Peace Prize, an exact replica of the Oval Office decorated as it was during the Carter Administration, elaborate State Gifts, and photographs and artifacts that document Jimmy Carter's life and career.

The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum is situated in a 35 acre park with Japanese Gardens, two lakes and a spectacular view of downtown Atlanta. The Carter museum is open Monday thru Saturday from 9 a.m. until 4:45 p.m. and on Sunday from noon until 4:45 p.m.

Admission is $8 for adults, $5 for seniors (60 and over), military and students with IDs. Those 16 years old and younger are always free. There is plenty of free parking at the Carter Center.

For additional information, call 404-865-7101 or visit www.jimmycarterlibrary.org.