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MEDIA ADVISORY

Congress to honor Frederick Law Olmsted

on Capitol Hill with tree planting

WHAT: Members of Congress will dedicate a Kentucky coffeetree in honor of Frederick Law Olmsted— visionary social reformer, founder of American landscape architecture and the first landscape architect for the U.S. Capitol Grounds.

WHO: Rep. French Hill (R-AR), Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI), Jim Kaufmann (Director, Capitol Grounds and Arboretum), Anne “Dede” Petri (President & CEO, Olmsted Network), Torey Carter-Conneen (CEO, American Society of Landscape Architects), “[Big Head Fred](#)” (7-foot-tall caricature of FLO), and [Olmsted 200 Founding Partners](#).

WHEN: The event will take place at 8 am ET on Thursday, June 22, 2023.

WHERE: Senate side of the Capitol off of Constitution Avenue NW, Northwest Drive due East of the Summerhouse, which Olmsted designed over 150 years ago.

WHY: In 2022, the Olmsted Network celebrated the bicentennial of Olmsted’s birth with “[Olmsted 200: Parks for All People](#)”. This national celebration spurred a renewed investment in Olmsted parks and places around the country. In addition to [Resolution 1013](#), this tree planting honors Olmsted’s service as the first landscape architect for the U.S. Capitol Grounds and his massive imprint on the country’s landscape.

HOW: Further inquiries can be directed to Victoria Vanhuss, Communications Manager, Olmsted Network: vvanhuss@olmsted.org or (478) 501-0613.

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