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**2022 Lyndon Baines Johnson Moral Courage Award Dinner
to honor the late
Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg**

Emmy and Tony Award-winning actress and singer Kristin Chenoweth to perform

HOUSTON (March 3, 2022)...Holocaust Museum Houston will honor Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg (posthumously) with the Lyndon Baines Johnson Moral Courage Award, accepted by the late icon's son James Ginsburg, Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at the Hilton Americas-Houston. The "Spotlight on Courage" evening will culminate with a rousing performance by Emmy and Tony Award-winning actress and singer Kristin Chenoweth.

Holocaust Museum Houston (HMH) presents the Lyndon Baines Johnson Moral Courage Award to individuals who have taken a stand against injustice, hatred and prejudice, and used their skills and influence to make a better world for all people. The annual event – one of the city's largest and most widely recognized philanthropic dinners – supports the educational programs of the Museum.

As this year's recipient, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, affectionately called "RBG" by her supporters, has inspired generations of women to break gender barriers. Even after facing gender discrimination as she pursued her academic goals, Ginsburg forged ahead and became the second woman--and first Jewish woman--to serve on the Supreme Court.

The 2022 LBJ Moral Courage Award occurs in conjunction with the exhibition *Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg*, a vibrant exploration of the life of the judicial trailblazer. The exclusive Texas viewing is March 11 through July 31 at Holocaust Museum Houston's Lester and Sue Smith Campus, 5401 Caroline St.

"She may have stood only five foot one, but Justice Ginsburg was truly a giant in her work on equality and justice for all," said HMH CEO Dr. Kelly J. Zúñiga. "Like LBJ, RBG is a true American icon where few in history have stood taller in exemplifying what it means to be an upstander. By way of this award and the exhibition, her remarkable story can live on to inspire others."

The 2022 Lyndon Baines Johnson Moral Courage Award Dinner will top off the evening with an incredible live performance by Emmy and Tony Award-winning actress and singer Kristin Chenoweth. With an extensive career spanning film, television, voiceover and stage, Chenoweth

received an Emmy Award for Best Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series in 2009 for her role in *Pushing Daisies*. In 1999, she won a Tony Award for *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* and she was also nominated for her original role of Glinda the Good Witch in *Wicked* in 2004.

Chenoweth most recently starred in the Netflix film *Holidate*, voiced the character Daisy in the HBO Max film *The Witches*, and hosted the Food Network competition series *Candy Land*. Upcoming, Chenoweth will star in Apple TV+'s musical comedy *Schmigadoon* and in the STXfilms sports drama *National Champions*.

The Honorary Chair for this event is Lynn Wyatt. Honorary Vice Chairs include Drs. Julie and Marc Boom, Andrew Davis, Sidney Faust, Lainie Gordon and David Minberg, Dr. Sippi and Ajay Khurana, Evelyn Leightman, Beth Madison, Ginni and Richard Mithoff, Y. Ping Sun and David Leebron, Warner Roberts, Phoebe and Bobby Tudor, Joy and Benjamin Warren and Sheretta West and Rev. Dr. Ralph Douglas West, Sr.

Dinner Chairs for the evening are Mady and Ken Kades. Sharon and Michael Brier will serve as Host Committee Chairs.

The event's Presenting Sponsors are Paula Goldstein and Mady and Ken Kades, and the Entertainment Sponsor is Edna Meyer-Nelson.

Holocaust Museum Houston created the Lyndon Baines Johnson Moral Courage Award in 1994 in cooperation with the Johnson family. In 1938, as a young congressman, Johnson stretched the limits of his authority and risked his personal dreams to provide American sanctuary for threatened European Jews. It is because of these acts of moral courage that the Museum proudly named the award in his honor. The award recognizes either a single righteous act or a lifetime of morally courageous behavior.

Previous recipients have included George W. Bush, 43rd President of the United States; Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; Holocaust survivor and author Elie Wiesel; activist and actress Mia Farrow; U.S. Sen. John McCain; the late Daniel Pearl, the Wall Street Journal reporter who was murdered by terrorists in Pakistan; former U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell; former U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, Jr.; former U.S. Sen. Robert Dole; filmmaker Steven Spielberg; and former U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower, among others.

Tables of 10 are available beginning at \$6,000. Individual tickets begin at \$750 each. To reserve your place, call 713-527-1622, e-mail LBJDinner@hmh.org or visit hmh.org/lbjdinner. *PaperCity* is serving as media sponsor for the event.

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