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At the invitation of District Attorney Donald du Bain and Vallejo Mayor Osby Davis, former Speaker of the California Assembly and former Mayor of San Francisco Willie L. Brown, Jr. will speak to four youth groups in Vallejo this evening at 6:30 p.m. at Jesse Bethel High School, 1800 Ascot Parkway in Vallejo. The four youth groups include the Willie B. Adkins Project, the Continental of Omega Boys & Girls Club, the Filipino American Educators of California, and the Jesse Bethel Law Academy.

"The former Speaker and Mayor of San Francisco is invited to address youth groups in Vallejo this evening because of the inspiration he provides to young people. Having risen from humble beginnings in a small town in Texas, where he was educated through high school while working jobs as a shoeshiner, fry cook and janitor, he became one of the most powerful politicians in our State's history," according to District Attorney du Bain. Added du Bain, "Few people have demonstrated as well as Willie Brown how far the combination of education and hard work can take someone from such humble beginnings."

Willie Brown was raised in Mineola, Texas, where he attended elementary and high school while working as a shoeshiner, fry cook and janitor. At age 17, he moved to San Francisco, where he enrolled in San Francisco State University. He worked as a doorman, shoe salesman and janitor to pay for college. After graduating with a degree in political science in 1955, he enrolled at the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, where he also worked as a janitor to pay for law school. He became class president and earned his law degree in 1958.

Six years later, in 1964, Willie Brown was elected to the California Assembly to represent San Francisco. Sixteen years later, in 1980, he was elected Speaker of the Assembly, where he remained until 1995, becoming the longest-serving Speaker in California history.

In 1996, Willie Brown was elected Mayor of San Francisco, where he served two terms until 2004. Today, he heads the Willie L. Brown, Jr. Institute on Politics and Public Service.

"As Speaker of the California Assembly, Willie Brown advanced the cause of civil rights and left an indelible mark on a wide array of public policies, including health care, the economy and education. As Mayor of San Francisco, he made lasting improvements to its transit system, affordable housing, juvenile justice system and economic development. As Mayor of Vallejo, I appreciate that he is willing to impart the wisdom of his vast experience with our youth and inspire them to achieve their own dreams with their education," stated Mayor Davis.

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