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DURBIN: WHITE HOUSE NOMINATES MCPHERSON TO BE U.S. MARSHAL IN ILLINOIS' NORTHERN DISTRICT

[WASHINGTON, D.C.] – U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) today announced that President Obama has nominated Darryl McPherson to serve as U.S. Marshal in the Northern District of Illinois.

“Over the length of his career, Darryl McPherson has shown a unique dedication to giving back to communities in and around Chicago,” said Durbin. “I am confident that he will bring a great deal of knowledge and experience from his many years of service to the position of U.S. Marshal in the Northern District. It was an honor recommending Darryl’s name to President Obama.”

McPherson has served as a Deputy U.S. Marshal in Chicago since 1999, and in 2007 was promoted to the position of Deputy U.S. Marshal Senior Inspector. He served as the lead Deputy Marshal for Judge Joan Lefkow and won a Special Recognition award from the Department of Justice for his service. He has served on the U.S. Marshals Service Great Lakes Fugitive Task Force, and he has been active in the community, serving as chair of the Security Advisory Committee of the Union League Boys & Girls Club, as a mentor for at-risk youth in the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation “Badges for Baseball” program, and as a member of the steering committee of BAHA (Black and Hispanic Achievers).

In April of last year, Durbin established three bipartisan screening committees to assist in selecting Federal District Court Judges, U.S. Attorneys, and U.S. Marshals for Illinois. The screening committees were comprised of 22 distinguished Illinoisans drawn from various aspects of the legal profession and include former judges, prominent litigators, law professors, bar association leaders and former prosecutors and defenders. Former federal judge and Illinois Congressman Abner Mikva chaired the Northern District Screening Panel.

Members of the screening committees met throughout the spring and early summer, reviewing applications and references, and conducting interviews. The screening committees recommended the names of several individuals for each vacancy. Durbin reviewed the screening committees’

recommendations, conducted interviews of finalists, and in consultation with members of the Illinois Congressional delegation, submitted the finalists' names to the President, who makes the final decisions on nominations.

Once the President submits a nomination to the U.S. Senate, it will be reviewed by the Senate Judiciary Committee, of which Senator Durbin is a member and the nominee will ultimately receive a vote in the committee. If approved by the Judiciary Committee, the nominee will then receive a vote by the full Senate.