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# PRESSRELEASE

## **Arkansas Commission for America's 250th Birthday to Unveil Historic Designation at Daisy Bates House**

**LITTLE ROCK, AR (February 11, 2026)** — On Tuesday, February 17 at 10:00 a.m., the Arkansas Commission commemorating the nation's 250th birthday will officially unveil new signage recognizing the Daisy Bates House as one of the 11 most significant locations in Arkansas over the past 250 years.

The public is invited to attend the outdoor program on the front lawn of the historic home at 1207 W. 28th Street in Little Rock.

This designation honors the enduring legacy of civil rights leader Daisy Gatson Bates and the pivotal role her home played during the Little Rock Central High School integration crisis. The unveiling represents a historic milestone in preserving Arkansas history and recognizing sites that have shaped both the state and the nation.

Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders will serve as the featured speaker for the ceremony.

"This recognition affirms what we have always known; that the Bates home is sacred ground in the story of civil rights," said Charles King, President of the L.C. & Daisy Bates Foundation. "To see it honored as one of the most significant places in Arkansas over the last 250 years ensures that Mrs. Bates' courage, leadership, and legacy will continue to educate and inspire generations to come."

Community members, civic leaders, students, and supporters of historic preservation are encouraged to attend this significant occasion as Arkansas reflects on 250 years of history and honors places that continue to define its future. This event is free and open to the public.

For additional information, please contact the Arkansas Commission for America's 250th Birthday.

### **About the L.C. & Daisy Bates Foundation**

**The L.C. & Daisy Bates Foundation** is dedicated to preserving the home and legacy of Daisy and L.C. Bates while advancing civil rights education and awareness in Arkansas and beyond. Through historical preservation, programming, and community engagement, the Foundation continues the Bateses' mission to inspire generations toward justice and equality.



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