The Historical Society of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana Celebrates America 250 with

"My Heroes and Our Struggles for Democracy"

featuring

Dr. James H. Madison, Historian and Author

As America celebrates the 250th anniversary of its founding, the Historical Society of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana is thrilled to announce a special luncheon and keynote presentation titled "***My Heroes and Our Struggles for Democracy***" on Wednesday, October 28, 2026. The event will be held at the Indy Chamber, 111 Monument Circle, Suite 2200.

The luncheon will commence at 11:30 am, followed by remarks at 12:30 pm by Dr. James H. Madison. Dr. Madison, one of Indiana's preeminent historians and the Thomas and Kathryn Miller Professor Emeritus of History at Indiana University, will showcase a few of his heroes, mostly Hoosiers, who endeavored to strengthen our democratic traditions enshrined in the Declaration of Independence. These heroes illustrate how we can move towards thoughtful and engaged citizenship in law, government, politics, and community well-being.

In 1994, Indiana University awarded Dr. Madison the Sylvia E. Bowman Distinguished Teaching Award. He has also taught, as a Fulbright Professor, at Hiroshima University, Japan, and at the University of Kent, Canterbury, England. He is the recipient of the Indiana Historical Society's Hoosier Historian Award and has been a fellow at Harvard University, the Newberry Library, and the Huntington Library. In 2001, the Organization of American Historians named Dr. Madison a Distinguished Lecturer.

Dr. Madison's publications include *The Indiana Way: A State History* (1986); *Eli Lilly: A Life* (1989); *A Lynching in The Heartland: Race and Memory in America* (2001); *Slinging Doughnuts for the Boys: An American Woman in World War II* (2007); *World War II: A History In Documents* (2009); *Hoosiers: A New History of Indiana* (2014); and *The Ku Klux Klan in the Heartland* (2020).

One hour of Continuing Legal Education credit has been approved.

The event is open to members of the Historical Society of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, and registration is required. In-person seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Attendance by Zoom is also available for Dr. Madison's keynote address.

To become a member of the Historical Society of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, please contact Libby Yin Goodknight at lgoodknight@kdlegal.com.