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Houston's Attractions Are Alive And Well

(NAPSA)—While the weather may have been frightful, Houston's tourist attractions are still delightful. That's the news from Texas, where tropical storm Allison barreled through Houston, but left the city's tourism industry intact.

Centrally located on the upper Gulf Coast, 50 miles from the Gulf of Mexico, this city of 1.9 million people and more than 500 cultural, visual and performing arts organizations has long been a destination city for those who want to sample its wide array of cultural offerings.

"Millions of people come to Houston every year and visit our attractions, museums and theaters and experience the diversity of our great city," said Gerard J. "Jordy" Tollett, President and CEO of the Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau. "We want everyone to know that tourism in Houston is alive and well and we are ready to welcome you all to Houston."

The Museum District had virtually no flood damage following the storm with the exception of the Contemporary Arts Museum, which was closed for repairs until July 13, 2001. All other museums in the district are open and museum exhibits have remained on schedule.

Other top attractions and museums like Space Center Houston, Six Flags Astroworld and



Millions of people visit Houston, Texas each year to sample its attractions.

Waterworld, Splashtown, Moody Gardens, Houston Museum of Natural Science and Museum of Fine Arts, Houston are all open and operating business as usual.

The city's other area attractions had minimal damage due to the flooding and continue to be open to the public. The Theater District, which includes resident companies in opera, theater, symphony and ballet all sustained flood damage, and although several performances were cancelled immediately following the storm, all performances are back on schedule.

Some performances have temporarily relocated to other theaters, but are maintaining regular schedules.

For more information on all of Greater Houston's attractions, cultural and multicultural destinations please call the Greater Houston Convention & Visitors Bureau at 1-800-4-HOUSTON.