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*****MEDIA ALERT*****

***2009 SunTrust National Marathon and Half Marathon
Elite Field / Kickoff Press Conference***

WHAT: The 4th Annual Sun Trust National Marathon and Half Marathon will host a kickoff press conference at the D.C. Armory on Friday, March 20 at 1:00pm to introduce some of the runners that will make up the best Elite Field in the history of the race. Highlighting this year's field will be **3 Time Defending Champion Michael Wardian**. Scheduled for Saturday, March 21, this year's race features a **sold out** half marathon field of 5,000 and a full marathon field of 3,000 all winding their way through six of the eight wards in Washington, D.C.

WHO: Press Conference Invitees

Adrian M. Fenty	Mayor, Washington, D.C.
Robert Sweeney	President, Greater Washington Sports Alliance
Jean Cross	Sr. Vice President, SunTrust Bank (Greater Washington)
Kwame R. Brown	At-Large D.C. Councilmember
Yvette Alexander	Ward 7 Councilmember

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Charles Bedley	Elite Athlete
Yunilish Bekele	Elite Athlete
David Cheromei	Elite Athlete
Muluye Gurma	Elite Athlete
Carolyn Komen	Elite Athlete
Theresa Lowry	Elite Athlete
Hirut Madefro	Elite Athlete
David Mosop	Elite Athlete
Patrick Moulton	Elite Athlete
Demesse Tefera	Elite Athlete
Michael Wardian	Elite Athlete (3 Time Defending Champion)
Briana Whaley	Elite Athlete

WHEN: Friday, March 20, 2009
1:00pm
The Press Conference will be held in conjunction with the 2009 SunTrust National Marathon Health and Fitness Expo.

WHERE: D.C. Armory
20001 E. Capitol St. SE
Washington, D.C. 20003

*All Elite Athletes will be available to the media immediately following the Press Conference.

*All media can pick up press credentials at the information table adjacent to the press conference. Media can also pick up press credentials on race day at the information tent located just inside the spectator entrance to the finish line festival.

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