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MTA, HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND CONNIE STEVENS TO OFFICIALLY WELCOME HOME NEW HOLLYWOOD WALK OF FAME

WHAT: Entertainer Connie Stevens will participate in a special ceremony commemorating the return of hundreds of Hollywood Walk of Fame stars, including her own, removed from between Vine and Gower streets during construction of the Metro Red Line subway. Other celebrities at the event will include actresses Joely Fisher, Dianne Ladd, the honorary mayor of Hollywood, Johnny Grant, who will emcee and, of course, our very own Charles Stark, MTA Executive Officer Construction. *Media is invited to tour the Metro Art-decorated Hollywood/Vine station following the ceremony (please wear hard-soled shoes).*

WHY: The MTA began carefully relocating a total of 320 terrazzo star panels in April 1994 prior to construction of Metro Red Line subway stations on Hollywood Boulevard at Vine Street and Highland Avenue. The reinstallation of the first 222 terrazzo stars, an extremely complex process that has involved artisan-like expertise, began in early January. This intricate process, which MTA staff can describe, is resulting in a Walk of Fame as it originally looked.

WHEN: TODAY, Monday, March 16, 5 p.m.

WHERE: In front of the Pantages Theatre
6249 Hollywood Boulevard

WHO: Charles Stark, MTA Executive Officer Construction
Entertainer Connie Stevens
Johnny Grant, Honorary Mayor of Hollywood

editors note: All media planning to cover the event are asked to RSVP Ana Martinez-Holler, Press Relations, Hollywood Chamber of Commerce at (213) 468-1376.

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