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**21ST CENTURY GROUP, LLC ANNOUNCES THE LOSS OF
PRESIDENT & CEO, JOHN L. WARE**

21ST Century Group announced today that John L. Ware, President & Chief Executive Officer, passed away in his home on Sunday morning, May 2, 2010.

In 1998, Mr. Ware co-founded 21ST Century Group with the Partners of HM Capital, formerly Hicks, Muse, Tate & Furst. At 21ST Century Group, Mr. Ware was involved in originating, structuring and monitoring of the Firm's investments and served as director of several portfolio companies.

Kelvin Walker, Partner at 21ST Century, stated, "John was a great leader and giant of a man. He was a skilled executive and investor. His dream of creating a Private Equity firm that will last for generations will be carried out by our capable team at 21ST Century. We are confident that our investors support us in our efforts to achieve John's goal. He was a great partner and mentor and I am proud to have worked with him for the last 11 years. We miss him dearly. Our sympathies go out to John's wife (Shirley) and his two sons (Brandon and Jawn)."

"John was a great partner and colleague. I enjoyed working with him and the HM family will miss him," stated John R. Muse, Chairman of HM Capital.

Mr. Ware previously served as City Manager of both Dallas and Austin, Texas. Under his leadership, Dallas was cited by Financial World as one of the best managed cities in the US.

Mr. Ware was the current Chairman of the Dallas Citizens Council and served on several boards including Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce, Children's Medical Center, Baylor Health Care Foundation and Ouachita Baptist University Foundation. Mr. Ware previously served on the board of JPMorgan Chase (Dallas).

Details regarding the arrangements are pending and will be communicated in the next few days.