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**MOUNT VERNON PUBLIC LIBRARY TO HOST PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBIT
COMMEMORATING
THE 1980 GWANGJU DEMOCRATIC UPRISING IN SOUTH KOREA**

Mount Vernon, NY, -On Friday May 26, 2017, the Mount Vernon Public Library, 28 S. 1 ST Avenue, Mount Vernon, New York, will host a reception to present a photo exhibit commemorating the Gwangju Democratic Uprising in South Korea. In May 1980, the citizens of Gwangju, South Korea, led by university students, revolted against military rule and demanded the restoration of democracy.

The exhibit, consisting of sixty photographs, will be on display in the library rotunda through June 3, 2017. All of the photographs were taken during May 1980 and are provided by the South Korean May 18 Memorial Foundation.

The exhibit is part of the ongoing sharing of cultural and economic ties between the city of Mt. Vernon and Gwangju Metropolitan City.

The opening reception will begin at 4:00 p.m. in the library rotunda and will be attended by the Mayor of Gwangju, Hon. Yoon Jang-hyun, members of the South Korean diplomatic delegation and local elected officials.

The South Korean delegation will be in New York to attend a United Nations ceremony commemorating the May 18 Democratic Uprising.

"Given Mt. Vernon's historic role in the advancement of a free press and democracy in colonial America and the importance of the May 18 uprising in the restoration of democracy in South Korea, the library is the perfect venue for this exhibit," commented Oscar Davis, Jr. President of the Mount Vernon Library Board of Trustees.

The public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

The exhibit will be on view through June 3, 2017 during regular library hours. Please note: The Mount Vernon Public Library will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2017 in observance of Memorial Day.

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