

Dealership dedicates facility in founder's honor

Truck City of Gary Inc. dedicates its new facility in honor of founder Paul Davis, who would have been 100 years old Monday.

A ceremony is from 2 to 6 p.m. Monday with hors d'oeuvres and beverages at 2333 W. 25th, on the corner of Taft Street. Dedication services begin at 2:30 p.m.

Michelle Gladish, a local artist, painted a portrait of the founder to hang in the facility's lobby.

Davis founded the company in April 1946 at 3100 W. Fifth Ave. before its move to 7360 W. Chicago Ave. The family-run dealership's latest move resulted from the Gary/Chicago International Airport's purchase of the property on Chicago Avenue, said granddaughter Gerri Davis.

"We are very pleased to be able to retain a 60-year-old business in Gary," she said. "Everyone had the mutual goal to stay in Gary."