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HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS HOTEL & SUITES JACKSON-FLOWOOD WINS IHG 2009 TORCHBEARER AWARD

ATLANTA (November 30, 2009) – The Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites Jackson-Flowood has received the IHG (InterContinental Hotels Group) [LON: IHG, NYSE: IHG (ADRs)] 2009 Torchbearer Award, the company's most prestigious award. IHG is the world's largest hotel group by number of rooms.

The Torchbearer Awards were presented during the 2009 IHG Americas Investors & Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., November 11-13, 2009. Nina Nail, General Manager of the Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites Jackson-Flowood, accepted the award on behalf of its owner, Chamblee Co.; management company, MMI Hotel Group; and her team of associates.

The Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites Jackson-Flowood is one of only 90 properties chosen from the IHG system of more than 4,300 hotels for achieving the highest levels of excellence in all aspects of operation -- from quality to customer satisfaction. A 2009 Torchbearer trophy, the company's symbol of excellence, will be on permanent display at the hotel. This is the first time for the property to be recognized, but not the first Torchbearer trophy for MMI Hotel Group. MMI's first Torchbearer trophy was received in 1971 when its Holiday Inn – Lake City, FL won Inn of the Year.

"It is my pleasure to name the Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites Jackson-Flowood as one of the finest hotels in our industry," said Jim Abrahamson, President, the Americas, IHG. "This hotel embodies the spirit, product and service that continue to make our properties known and admired throughout the world." Gaines Sturdivant, President of MMI Hotel Group added, "We are excited that the team at Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites Jackson-Flowood has received the recognition they deserve. The commitment that Chamblee Co. has made to the product and the service our associates have provided to our guests are award worthy."

More than 2,000 franchise owners, operators and company officials attended the 2009 IHG Americas Investors & Leadership Conference.

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Notes to Editors:

MMI Hotel Group is a 53-year old company recognized by its peers as a leader and innovator in the hospitality industry. MMI was founded in 1956 with the operation of its first property -- a Holiday Inn in Meridian, Mississippi (among this national chain's first Inns). Much has changed at MMI and in the industry since. Yet MMI's founding principal of excellence in every facet of operations and its firm belief that "the guest is our true boss," will never change. MMI is comprised of two distinct, yet fully interdependent and complementing divisions: MMI Hotel Group and MMI Dining Systems. Together, the two divisions own, manage or serve over 100 locations in the southeast U.S., bringing the MMI commitment to excellence to tens of thousands of guests each day.

InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG) [LON:IHG, NYSE:IHG (ADRs)] is the world's largest hotel group by number of rooms. IHG owns, manages, leases or franchises, through various subsidiaries, over 4,300 hotels and almost 630,000 guest rooms in nearly 100 countries and territories around the world. The Group owns a portfolio of well recognized and respected hotel brands including InterContinental® Hotels & Resorts, Hotel Indigo®, Crowne Plaza® Hotels & Resorts, Holiday Inn® Hotels and Resorts, Holiday Inn Express®, Staybridge Suites® and Candlewood Suites®, and also manages the world's largest hotel loyalty program, Priority Club® Rewards, with 44 million members worldwide.

IHG has nearly 1,600 hotels in its development pipeline, which will create 140,000 jobs worldwide over the next few years.

InterContinental Hotels Group PLC is the Group's holding company and is incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales.

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L. Rodney Chamblee founded The Chamblee Company, Inc. in 1979 as a commercial real estate brokerage firm along Lakeland Drive in Flowood, MS with one employee. Over the past 30 years, the company has grown and diversified into a connected family of companies consisting in part of East Wind Management, Inc., The Chamblee Company, Inc., and an asset holding company, Stone Creek Assets, LLC. It has become one of Mississippi's premier development and property management companies over the past quarter century and presently holds a diversified portfolio of commercial income producing real estate with an estimated market value in excess of \$100mm.

By the end of 2009, this portfolio will contain four hotels, over 300,000 s/f of office/storage and retail parks, a 10 screen Regal Cinema, The Chimneyville Smokehouse restaurant chain and the highly regarded Heritage House of Castlewoods which is an 80,000 s/f assisted living and retirement center located on a 5 acre campus along Castlewoods Blvd in Brandon, MS.