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HMSHOST PRESIDENT & CEO JOHN J. McCARTHY PASSES AWAY

Concession industry pioneer re-defined shopping, dining for travelers

BETHESDA, MD, NOVEMBER 9, 2005 – With deep sorrow, HMSHost Corporation announced that John J. “Jack” McCarthy, the company’s President and CEO, died on Friday, November 4 of complications from pneumonia.

Mr. McCarthy’s career with HMSHost spanned more than 30 years. Serving in a variety of roles, he excelled at every facet of the travel concessions business and was instrumental in the company’s success.

Jack was an outstanding leader, colleague and friend. His intelligence and compassion for others greatly enriched the lives of HMSHost’s 26,000 associates. A true pioneer in the industry, Jack transformed the travel experience for millions of people around the world.

“Our entire organization mourns this tragic loss, and our thoughts and prayers are with Jack’s wife, Carol, and his family. Our deepest sympathies go out to them,” said Gianmario Tondato, CEO of Autogrill SpA, HMSHost’s parent company.

A memorial service for Mr. McCarthy will be held at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 6001 Western Avenue, NW, Washington, DC on Thursday, November 17, 2005 at 11:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, it is requested that donations in Mr. McCarthy’s name be made to the following organizations:

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church
Senior High School Building Fund
5 S.E. 17th Street
Ocala, FL 34471
352-629-8092

or

Thoroughbred Charities of America
P.O. Box 3856
Midway, KY 40347
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