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## **Basketball Legend Clyde Drexler Glides His Way Onto ABC-TV's "Dancing with the Stars"**

### **HMSHost and Houston's IAH Airport Salute Hometown Favorite**

**BETHESDA, MD** – Basketball hall of famer Clyde Drexler, partner of **Clyde Drexler Sports Scene**, located at Houston's George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH), will glide his way onto the popular ABC-TV show "Dancing with the Stars." He will make his debut when the series returns for its fourth season on Monday, March 19, at 8:00 p.m. (CST), airing locally on KTRK-TV Channel 13 and on ABC-TV nationwide.

"HMSHost and everyone at **Clyde Drexler Sports Scene** are rooting for Clyde to bring home the grand prize," said Joan Ryzner, Senior Vice President, HMSHost Retail Operations. "If his dancing abilities are even a fraction of his basketball talents, then he is sure to become a legend on the dance floor too."

HMSHost Corporation and The Houston 8 Team LLC, the company in which Drexler is a partner, opened **Clyde Drexler Sports Scene** in 2006. Inspired by the NBA all-star's career, the store, which is located in Terminal C, is a Houston-centric sports emporium that features memorabilia from Drexler's personal collection. The store carries an array of logo apparel and specially designed sportswear featuring Clyde's famous #22, including the best selling Lil' Dibblers merchandise for children. Sports fans will also find authentic, autographed Clyde Drexler handprints, as well as collectibles saluting all of Houston's professional and college sports teams.

Drexler earned his nickname "Clyde the Glide" for his speed and finesse on the court and his extraordinary leaping abilities.

After playing on the 1992 Men's U.S. Olympic Basketball Dream Team, Drexler played a critical role in helping the Houston Rockets win their second NBA Championship in 1995. In 1996, he was recognized as one of the NBA's top 50 players. Drexler was also selected for the NBA's 50 All-Time Greatest Players List and became one of only three players in NBA history to collect 20,000 points, 6,000 rebounds and 6,000 assists in a career. He was elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2004.

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Six years ago today, Drexler's #22 jersey was retired by the Houston Rockets. The Trail Blazers and the University of Houston Cougars also retired Drexler's #22 jersey.

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