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BJ'S MARKET & BAKERY OFFERS SAVORY SOUTHERN COOKING TO O'HARE TRAVELERS

CHICAGO – Travelers craving the comforts of home-style cooking will find it at Chicago O'Hare International Airport's new BJ's Market & Bakery. HMSHost, a world leader in travel dining and shopping, opened BJ's Market in Terminal 3 earlier this month.

"BJ's Market provides O'Hare passengers with another exceptional dining option," said Department of Aviation Commissioner Nuria I. Fernandez. "Thanks to this exciting new concept, our customers can enjoy the taste and comfort of home-style cooking while they travel."

BJ's Market & Bakery has quickly built a reputation in Chicago for serving delicious, high quality food with great customer service at a reasonable price. BJ's Market & Bakery serves breakfast, lunch and dinner with main dishes that include smoked chicken, roasted turkey wings, beef short ribs, mustard fried catfish and seafood gumbo. Side dishes feature home-style favorites like red beans and rice, candied sweet potatoes, garlic mashed potatoes and greens with smoked turkey. BJ's Market offers a full breakfast menu with egg platters, omelets, French toast and hearty sourdough bread breakfast sandwiches. Peach cobbler, banana pudding and carrot cake are among the dessert offerings.

"At HMSHost, our goal is to make the traveler's day better by providing quality food and excellent guest service," said Stephen Douglas, Vice President, Business Development for HMSHost. "BJ's Market & Bakery will be a great addition to the line up at Chicago O'Hare International, giving travelers a local favorite dining experience."

BJ's Market & Bakery opened on Chicago's South Side in May 1997. BJ's Market has been acclaimed by several food critics and was named one of the "Top Ten Restaurants in Chicago" by WLS-TV food critic James Ward.

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BJ's Market is located post security in Terminal 3, in the K concourse food court.

It is locally owned and operated, with two Chicago locations at 8734 S. Stony Island Ave. and 1156 W. 79th St.

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About Chicago Airport System

The Chicago Airport System is self-supporting, using no local or state tax dollars for operations or capital improvements at O'Hare and Midway International airports. Together, Chicago's airports generate more than \$45 billion in annual economic activity and create 540,000 jobs for the region. Please visit www.flychicago.com to learn more about the Chicago Airport System.

About HMSHost

HMSHost is world-renowned for creating customized shopping and dining spaces in travel venues. The innovative company operates in more than 100 airport locations around the globe, including 19 of the 20 busiest airports of North America. HMSHost has annual sales in excess of \$2.3 billion and employs more than 33,000 sales associates worldwide. A part of Autogrill S.p.A, HMSHost and the rest of the Autogrill Group are recognized leaders in travel amenities. With sales exceeding €3.9 billion, Autogrill is present in 33 countries with more than 4,800 points of sale in more than 1,050 locations (including 163 airports and 689 motorways) where 51,000 employees serve over 840 million customers every year. Visit www.HMSHost.com for more information.

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Editor's Note – Two photos and captions are attached.

Photo #1 - Dept. of Aviation Commissioner Nuria I. Fernandez (center) helped open the newest location of BJ's Market & Bakery at O'Hare International Airport's Terminal 3 food court on Jan. 28, 2008. The South Side-based restaurant chain was founded by owner John Meyer in 1997, and features a home-style breakfast, lunch and dinner menu. Joining Fernandez are Meyer (right) and Ellen Hrycuik of HMS Host International (left).

Photo - HMS Host

Photo #2 - Dept. of Aviation Commissioner Nuria I. Fernandez (right) helped open the newest location of BJ's Market & Bakery at O'Hare International Airport's Terminal 3 food court during a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Jan. 28, 2008. The South Side-based restaurant chain was founded by owner John Meyer in 1997, and features a home-style breakfast, lunch and dinner menu. Joining Fernandez are Meyer (center) and Ellen Hrycuik of HMS Host International (left).

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