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**HAMPTON INN OF LITCHFIELD, ILLINOIS NAMED TWO TIME NATIONAL
LIGHTHOUSE AWARD WINNER**

LITCHFIELD, IL, FEBRUARY 24, 2009 - Hampton® (www.hampton.com), the national brand of mid-priced Hampton Inn® and Hampton Inn & Suites® hotels, has honored the Hampton Inn of Litchfield, Illinois located at 11 Thunderbird Circle with the company's Lighthouse Award, designating it as one of the hotel chain's top performing hotels among more than 1,600 Hampton properties. This is the hotel's second consecutive Lighthouse Award as well as fifth consecutive outstanding rating on their Quality Assurance inspection.

The Litchfield Hampton was recognized for its high rankings in quality, guest satisfaction and business performance. The award criteria was based on customer feedback measured through guest satisfaction surveys on the hotel, as well as product quality and service scores measured quarterly by the company. **The Litchfield Hampton ranked 33 out the 1,600 Hampton properties (Top 5%) and is the only Hampton Inn in Illinois to receive this prestigious award.** The Circle of Excellence Award is presented to the top ten percent of all Hampton Inns nationwide. By being a Lighthouse Award winner, this also makes the Litchfield Hampton Inn an automatic recipient.

"The competition to be among the elite group of Hampton Lighthouse Award winners becomes stronger each year as the Hampton brand continues to add more hotels, making us especially proud this year to receive the honor," said Miranda Bergman, hotel general manager.

The 64-room Hampton Inn is centrally located between Springfield, Illinois and St. Louis, Missouri and conveniently located near Historic Route 66, Ariston Café, Lake Lou Yaeger, and Sky View Drive-In. Hotel amenities include a meeting room, fitness center, heated indoor pool and whirlpool, and lobby computer.

The complete implementation of the Hampton chain's bedding package "Cloud Nine. The Hampton Bed Experience" in all 1,600 Hampton Hotels is the most recent innovation to the brand's Make It Hampton initiative, which is the most extensive transformation ever undertaken by a hotel chain, dramatically enhancing the guest experience across all of its 1,600 hotels.

Since January 2004, Make It Hampton has debuted new products and services ranging from a complimentary On the House® hot breakfast and On the Run breakfast bags, Purity Basics® bath products and a curved shower rod, complimentary high-speed Internet access and the industry's easiest-to-set alarm clock/radio.

About Hotel Ventures Management of Illinois, Inc.

The property is owned and operated by Litchfield Hotel Ventures, L.L.C., co-owned by Rick McGraw of Litchfield, Illinois and Robert L. Plummer of Edwardsville, Illinois. Hotel Ventures Management of Illinois, Inc., is the property's management company, owned by Jenna McGraw, Director of Operations and Lynn Paulus, Business Manager. Miranda Bergman of Litchfield, Illinois is the hotel's general manager and Stephanie Wonderlin, also of Litchfield, is the management company's Regional Sales Manager.

Co-owners of the L.L.C., Robert L. Plummer and Rick McGraw own four hotels: Champaign Hotel Ventures (dba Champaign, Illinois Baymont Inn & Suites and Lincoln, Illinois Hampton Inn), Litchfield Hotel Ventures (dba Litchfield, Illinois Hampton Inn), Evansville West L.L.C. (dba Evansville, Indiana Holiday Inn Express). In addition, Hotel Ventures Management of Illinois, Inc. also manages and has part ownership in Evansville Hotel Ventures, L.L.C. (dba Evansville, Indiana Quality Inn) and Columbia Hospitality Company, L.L.C. (dba Columbia, Illinois Hampton Inn).

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