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**LITCHFIELD HAMPTON INN NAMED NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE AWARD WINNER**

Litchfield, IL, March 10, 2008 - Hampton® (www.hampton.com), the national brand of mid-priced Hampton Inn® and Hampton Inn & Suites® hotels, has honored the Hampton Inn of Litchfield, IL located at 11 Thunderbird Circle with the company's Lighthouse Award, designating it among the chain's top 5% of more than 1,400 Hampton properties. **We would like to invite you to a photo opportunity on Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at Noon, at the Hampton Inn located at 11 Thunderbird Circle.**

The Hampton Inn of Litchfield 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 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 Jenna McGraw, Director of Operations.

The 64-room hotel is located at 11 Thunderbird Circle on I-55. Hotel amenities include complimentary "On the House" hot breakfast, indoor heated pool & whirlpool, fitness center, meeting room, complimentary USA Today newspapers, & complimentary high speed internet access. The hotel is managed by Miranda Bergman of Litchfield. In addition to the award, the hotel has just recently received its 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive "outstanding" rating on the Hampton brand inspection.

The complete implementation of the Hampton chain's new bedding package "Cloud Nine. The Hampton Bed Experience" in all 1,400 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 1,400 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.

The hotel is owned by Litchfield resident Rick McGraw & Litchfield native Robert L. Plummer. They also co-own several other hotel properties, including the Baymont Inn & Suites of Champaign, IL, the Holiday Inn Express of Evansville, IN, and the Hampton Inn of Lincoln, IL, which will open June 1, 2008.

**About Hampton Hotels**

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