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TOWNEPLACE SUITES HATTIESBURG MANAGER BETH BURNS **WINS MARRIOTT DIAMOND GM OF THE YEAR AWARD**

HATTIESBURG, MS, May 1, 2018 – The TownePlace Suites hotel in Hattiesburg, Mississippi has been officially recognized by Marriott, earning two prestigious awards for the McNeill Hotel Company property.

General Manager Beth Burns has earned Marriott’s Diamond GM of the Year Award for 2017. The hotel also won Marriott’s Golden Circle Award. Previously, the TownePlace Suites Hattiesburg had earned Marriott’s “Opening Hotel of the Year” award, as well as the “Sales Ramp Up” award, selected by the Select Service & Extended Stay Hotels Group – The Americas.

Marriott names only four Diamond GM of the Year winners each year for its TownePlace Suites portfolio. Winners must demonstrate achievements in Operational and Hospital Leadership excellence, including in the areas of financial management, sales leadership, service leadership and community service.

To earn the Marriott Golden Circle Award, a hotel must be within the Top 10% of the brand in overall Guest Satisfaction Survey (GSS) scores.

“We are very grateful to receive these prestigious awards from Marriott, which has been an outstanding brand partner for our company as we chart a growth path emphasizing the select service category,” said Phillip McNeill, CEO of McNeill Hotel Company.

“I am thrilled to receive this award on behalf of our great associates, who have helped TownePlace Suites Hattiesburg become a true community partner as they embrace our company’s ethic of “People Serving People,” said Beth Burns, General Manager of the hotel.

Mark Ricketts, President and COO of McNeill Hotel Company, the company that manages the property, added, “We are extremely proud of the TownePlace

Suites Hattiesburg team on the much-deserved awards! Beth led her team through the recovery phase of a devastating tornado that tore through the area and affected both the community and her team. Beth's enthusiasm and compassion never wavered for an instant. She exemplifies the kind of manager and leader that McNeill Hotel Company is trying to cultivate and place into positions of responsibility as we continue to grow our property portfolio."

Located in the heart of the business district, the 94-room Hattiesburg TownePlace Suites offers guests convenient access to Kamper Park Zoo, Camp Shelby and the University of Southern Mississippi. Hotel amenities include an outdoor swimming pool, an exercise room open 24-hours per day, complimentary WiFi throughout the hotel and on-site business services, including copying, faxing and printing. The TownePlace Suites Hattiesburg is pet-friendly (fees may apply) and also provides laundry facilities for guests' convenience.

About McNeill Hotel Company

Headquartered in Germantown, Tennessee, McNeill Hotel Company is built on a foundation of trust, pursuit of excellence and a philosophy of "people serving people." The firm focuses on select service hotels with a growth strategy based on a mix of new hotel development, meaningful acquisitions and third party management agreements. The company is an approved franchisee for both Marriott and Hilton. Phillip McNeill, Jr and Mark Ricketts, the company's principals, are 2nd generation hoteliers with over 60 years of combined institutional experience in the hotel industry, encompassing nearly every discipline of the business.