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**CALIFORNIA HOTEL & LODGING ASSOCIATION MEMBERS WIN MOST
AH&LA/DINERS CLUB STARS OF THE INDUSTRY AWARDS**
California Properties & Employees Win Five Awards – Most of Any State

SACRAMENTO – California was the only state to be recognized more than once for outstanding achievement in the lodging industry at the AH&LA/Diners Club Stars of the Industry awards competition announced during the Las Vegas International Hotel & Restaurant Show, April 13-14, at the Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino. California Hotel & Lodging Association (CH&LA) members won two employee awards and three achievement awards this year.

An Employee Award was given to Brandy Vanhorn of the Doubletree Hotel Modesto, in Modesto, California in the category of “Manager of the Year – Medium Property”. A second CH&LA member was also honored with an employee award – Paul Hortobagyi of The Georgian Hotel in Santa Monica, California won in the category of “General Manager of the Year – Small Property”.

Three CH&LA member properties also won Achievements Awards in this year’s program, including DNC Parks & Resorts in Yosemite, California in the Environmental Management category for large properties, Glorietta Bay Inn in Coronado, California in the Guest Relations category for small properties, and The

Ahwahnee in Yosemite, California in the Special Events category for large properties.

The California Hotel & Lodging Association is very proud of these award winning members,” said James O. Abrams, President & CEO of CH&LA. “Having five recipients from California shows the commitment to excellence among California’s lodging industry.”

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The California Hotel & Lodging Association (CH&LA) is the largest state lodging industry trade association in the country. Its 1,600 member properties, which comprise close to 200,000 guest rooms, consist of hotels, motels, bed and breakfast inns, guest ranches, resorts, spas, condominium rentals, timeshares, and vacation home rentals located throughout California. CH&LA’s mission is to be the indispensable resource for communicating and protecting the rights and interests of the California lodging industry, for providing educational training and value programs for all segments of the industry, and for supporting strategic alliances to promote the value of California tourism and travel.

Sacramento-based CH&LA has been representing California’s lodging industry for more than a century. CH&LA is on the web at www.chlaonline.com.