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Hotel & Motel Association Names New Chair George Glick (Best Western-Westchase) begins term July 1, 2004

The Hotel & Motel Association of Greater Houston, a non-profit organization representing one of the largest industries in Southeast Texas, has named veteran hotelier George Glick the new chair to head the organization for the next fiscal year.

Mr. Glick, General Manager of the Best Western-Westchase, 2950 West Sam Houston Parkway, takes office on July 1, replacing Mark Hellrung, general manger of The Four Seasons Downtown. Mr. Glick has been serving as 1st Vice Chair for the past year.

It may well be a voluntary position, but as the HMAGH chair, Mr. Glick will oversee an organization representing an industry which were it a single company, would be the largest in the area in employment, taxable income and economic impact. The organization was active in bringing about the success of this year's Super Bowl and took an active stand against price gouging and similar practices which has brought complaints in some other host cities.

With nearly 300 members, the organization is made up of general managers and owners of hotels and motels, suppliers, service companies and consultants who sell and service the hospitality industry. This industry, which provides more than 89,000 jobs and \$327 million in payroll, is one of the top contributors to the Houston economy.

Serving as the voice representing the hotel and motel industry in the Houston area, the HMAGH is active in governmental affairs, education, tourism and charitable efforts. Among Mr. Glick's responsibilities will be coordinating lobbying efforts and educational programs - the organization provides scholarships to the Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel & Restaurant Management at the University of Houston and on-the-job training to high school students through its High Schools for Hospitality Program. Mr. Glick will also work to coordinate charitable contributions and activities which annually average more than \$5.2 million.

The organization also works closely with the Greater Houston Conventions and Visitors Bureau to promote Houston as a convention and tourism location. Travel spending in the greater Houston area last year generated more than \$147 million in local taxes. Hotels and motels also infused more than \$500 million in construction and renovation spending into the local economy.

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