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HARRY CARAY'S TAVERN IS COMING TO NAVY PIER®

Chicago (May 8, 2009) —The Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority (MPEA) announced today that Harry Caray's Tavern will be joining Navy Pier's diverse selection of dining options.

"We're very excited to have Harry Caray's Tavern partner with Navy Pier to offer families a fun, sports-oriented dining experience," said Theodore R. Teztlaff, Chairman of MPEA, which owns and operates Navy Pier. "Harry Caray's is as beloved and iconic a brand as any in Chicago, just like Navy Pier."

"Navy Pier is a Chicago treasure and so was Harry." says Grant DePorter, Managing Partner of Harry Caray's Restaurant Group. "It's an ideal location for Harry Caray's Tavern and we're thrilled to be part of the #1 tourist and leisure destination in the Midwest."

Harry Caray's Tavern at Navy Pier will be the sixth member of the successful restaurant concept celebrating America's favorite pastime through the career and achievements of Harry Caray, the late, beloved Hall of Fame baseball announcer. The restaurant will create a museum of Chicago baseball history, both Cubs and White Sox, bringing stories and legends to life through the extensive collection of first-class memorabilia including artifacts, photographs, vintage newspapers, baseball magazine covers and articles. Harry will not be the only legend honored at the restaurant. There will be prominent displays highlighting the careers of Ernie Banks, Ryne Sandberg, Carlton Fisk, Ron Kittle and other Chicago baseball legends.

"Harry Caray's is known for its great food, great service and great entertainment value, much like Navy Pier," said Juan A. Ochoa, Chief Executive Officer of MPEA. "Our staff strives to create a great experience for every person every time they visit Navy Pier. A stop at Harry Caray's is sure to enhance their visit here."

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Harry Caray's Tavern at Navy Pier will be a family-friendly destination. The menu will include salads, paninis, pasta, pizzas and the Holy Cow! Burger Bar. Several favorites from the legendary Harry Caray's Italian Steakhouse will also be available, including Harry's award-winning Chicken Vesuvio, Calamari, Chili and Dutchie's Salad.

The décor will reflect Harry Caray's signature mahogany-paneled walls, pressed tin ceiling, mosaic tile floor and mahogany bar. An island bar will connect the indoor and outdoor spaces. High definition plasma televisions will surround the bars, both inside and out, and will broadcast major sporting events year-round. The restaurant will seat 376 guests.

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Located on Lake Michigan, just East of Chicago's downtown, Navy Pier® (www.navy pier.com) is the top-visited tourist and leisure destination in the Midwest, welcoming more than eight million visitors annually for entertainment, cultural and educational events and attractions, as well as business meetings and tradeshows. It has an economic impact of more than one billion dollars annually. Originally opened in 1916 as a shipping and recreation facility, it is now one of the country's unique recreation and exposition facilities, showcasing more than 50 acres of parks, gardens, restaurants, shops, attractions, sightseeing and dining cruise boats, exhibition facilities and more. Navy Pier is directly accessible by car, CTA Bus, taxi, bike or on foot. More than 1,700 competitively priced self-parking spots are available on the Pier, and free trolley buses serve off-site parking lots as well as the Grand Avenue stop on the CTA Red Line Train. For those arriving by taxi, convenient drop-off points are provided at the front, middle and east end of the Pier. Navy Pier is owned and operated by the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority (www.mpea.com).