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**Sam Sealy Wins 2022 Historic Hotels of America Annual Awards of Excellence
Ambassador of the Year Award**

Point Clear, AL, November 18, 2022 – The Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa in Point Clear, AL is pleased to announce Sam Sealy is the winner of the Ambassador of the Year Award, an honor that was announced at the 2022 Historic Hotels of America Annual Awards of Excellence Ceremony and Gala Dinner at the Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa in Point Clear, Alabama, on Thursday, November 17, 2022. Awards were presented to recipients before an audience of owners, senior management, industry leaders, and representatives from the finest historic hotels around the world.

The Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa is one of more than 300 hotels and resorts throughout the United States that is recognized Historic Hotels of America for preserving and maintaining its historic integrity, architecture and ambiance.

“We are delighted to honor Sam Sealy with this prestigious award,” said Lawrence Horwitz, Executive Vice President, Historic Hotels of America and Historic Hotels Worldwide. “This hotel was chosen from an exclusive group of nominees in a number of categories. It stands among the finest hotels and hoteliers from around the world. The historic hotels nominated for this award and others include small historic inns, boutique hotels, lifestyle hotels, and resorts. They represent small towns to large cities to UNESCO World Heritage destinations. We applaud the dedication and passion of the thousands of individuals working at these iconic and legendary historic hotels that keep the stories alive from the past and make staying or celebrating special occasions at these historic hotels memorable experiences.”

Each year, the Historic Hotels Awards of Excellence honor, encourage, and recognize the most exemplary historic hotels, hoteliers, and leadership practices. The Historic Hotels Awards of Excellence are presented to historic hotels and hoteliers demonstrating innovative leadership, stewardship, and contribution to furthering the recognition, preservation, and celebration of these preeminent historic hotels and their

histories.

Sam is one of our longest tenured associates at the Grand,” said Scott A. Tripoli, General Manager and Managing Director of the Grand Hotel Golf Resort and Spa. “His knowledge as the Director of Engineering of this vast resort is second to none and his impact of taking care of such a special place has been felt over the years. Sam treats the Grand as if he owns it and that passion of care resonates with his entire team.”

The Grand Hotel is shaped by 175 years of proud heritage and elevated by a very contemporary statement of southern hospitality, there is an unforgettable quality that underpins our renown as “The Queen of Southern Resorts.” Our award-winning resort along the gulf coast of Alabama offers guests 36 holes of championship golf, a 20,000 square foot European Spa, 10 tennis courts, 2 championship croquet courts, farm to table dining and 175 years of history and traditions.

About Historic Hotels of America®

Historic Hotels of America® is the official program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation for recognizing, celebrating, and promoting the finest historic hotels in the United States of America. To be nominated and selected for membership in this prestigious program, a hotel must be at least 50 years old; designated by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior as a National Historic Landmark or listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places; and recognized as having historical significance. Of the more than 300 historic hotels inducted into Historic Hotels of America from 44 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, all historic hotels faithfully preserve their sense of authenticity, sense of place, and architectural integrity. For more information, please visit HistoricHotels.org/US.

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