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## Aspire Employee Anthony Lupien Receives Top Honor by Rhode Island Hospitality Association

Providence, RI – *November, 2009* - The RI Hospitality Association (RIHA) recently honored several Rhode Island hospitality professionals and businesses at its 20<sup>th</sup> Annual “Stars of the Industry” Awards Ceremony, which took place at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Warwick, Rhode Island. The “Stars of the Industry” Awards recognize the outstanding achievements of members of the hospitality, foodservice and tourism industries. Award recipients were nominated by their peers and chosen not only for their dedication and contributions to their careers, but for their involvement in their local communities.

Anthony Lupien of Aspire Restaurant was nominated by Heather Singleton, Senior Vice President for the Rhode Island Education Foundation. Singleton offered the following words regarding her nominee, “I am a frequent customer at Aspire and Anthony is always extremely friendly and provides phenomenal service”.

Anthony J. Lupien began his career in the hospitality industry at Kirkbrae Country Club before reallocating to the fine dining establishment, L’Epicureo, located in the four diamond award-winning Hotel Providence. When L’Epicureo transitioned to Aspire Restaurant in June 2008, Anthony was one of the few employees to remain on. He has been a major contributor to the new restaurant’s success by developing an impressive and devoted following. According to Hotel Providence General Manager, Patrick Jordan, “We are all extremely proud of Anthony. His professionalism and desire to exceed guest

expectations has set the standard for the service excellence we provide every day”

The Hotel Providence and Aspire Restaurant are thrilled that a member of its team was chosen to receive this coveted and prestigious award. You can find Anthony’s upbeat attitude and inventive cocktails every Friday and Saturday night in Aspire’s A-Bar lounge.