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Island View to host 'Que at the View, a Kansas City Barbecue Society competition

GULFPORT, Miss. (March 12, 2014) – Island View Casino Resort will offer a smokin' good time this spring with 'Que at the View. The outdoor event will feature a festival of food, drinks and live entertainment, along with a Kansas City Barbeque Society-sanctioned competition.

Representing the Mississippi championship for KCBS, 'Que at the View will be held on Friday, April 4 and Saturday, April 5 on the grounds of Island View, located in Gulfport, Miss. on 40 acres bordering the Gulf of Mexico.

The event will feature the sanctioned contest on Friday, with more than 30 teams competing for the state KCBS title and more than \$15,000 in cash and prizes, and a food festival and an after party and concert on Saturday. Guests are invited to tour the competition and observe the teams in action on April 4 from 6 to 9 p.m. Admission is complimentary.

The second day of the event, beginning at noon, will offer an abundance of tasting opportunities for guests with a food festival, featuring barbecue-style selections, sides, boiled crawfish and a beer garden with a variety of craft beers. The food and beverage items will be priced separately.

As well, the competition's teams will present what they consider to be their best smoked pork dish on Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. For \$10 per person, guests can sample all the entries and cast a vote for the 'Que at the View People's Choice Award. The winner of the award will receive \$1,000, with second place taking home \$500.

Saturday will also feature the presentation of awards for the competition. By 1:30 p.m., the completed dishes, including pork ribs with bones, chicken with skin, pork roast and brisket, will be plated and presented to the KCBS judging panel, comprised of trained and certified KCBS judges. The submissions - prepared with what the society considers natural cooking methods, including wood, charcoal or pellets – will be evaluated on appearance, taste and texture. First through 10th place will be awarded at 5 p.m.

Entertainment will include free, live musical entertainment on the grounds by David St. Romain from noon to 2 p.m. and The Lisa Lee Albritton Band from 2:30 to 5 p.m., and an

appearance by former New Orleans Saints football player Joe Horn, showcasing his Bayou 87 BBQ Sauce.

Collectible merchandise will also be available for purchase, including 'Que at the View T-shirts, pins, hats and koozies.

The event will conclude on April 5 with the Champion Ram After 'Que Party, presented by Champion Chrysler Dodge Jeep of Gulfport, featuring Rockin' Dopsie and the Zydeco Twisters. Dopsie will perform in the resort's View Showroom from 7 p.m. to midnight. Tickets, which are \$15, can be purchased through TicketMaster.com or at the door. Limited seating is available and guests must be 21 or older.

For teams interested in participating in the event, registration information can be found at QueAtTheView.com. Registration will close on Friday, March 28. Participants do not need to be KCBS members.

Along with the Ram Corp. and Champion Chrysler, sponsors include ABC Rental Centers, Butch Oustalet Chevrolet Cadillac, Compton & Son Appliance LLC, Foley RV Center and Airstream of Mississippi and Garden Park Medical Center.

For more information on 'Que at the View, call 877-774-8439 or go to IslandViewCasino.com or Facebook.com/QueAtTheView.

About Island View Casino Resort:

Island View Casino Resort opened Sept. 18, 2006 as the only casino in Gulfport, Miss. The land-based casino, located on 40 acres of waterfront property, currently offers an 80,000-plus-square-foot casino with approximately 2,000 slots and 46 table games. The 520,000-square-foot resort also features a 567-room hotel with a tropical pool and cabanas; Carter Green Steakhouse, the resort's signature restaurant; Beach Blvd. Steamer, a 180-seat restaurant focusing on freshly steamed seafood; C&G Grille, offering contemporary, casual dining; The Buffet, a 400-seat restaurant; The Coffee Shop, an upscale deli; Coast Candymakers, featuring handmade candies; and The View Showroom, a 600-seat entertainment venue. Island View Casino Resort is privately held by Rick Carter and Terry Green, two Gulfport natives and longtime casino executives committed to the post-Hurricane Katrina rebuilding efforts of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. For more information: 877-774-8439 or IslandViewCasino.com.

About the Kansas City Barbeque Society:

KCBS sanctions and judges barbecue competitions across the U.S. and promotes barbecue as America's cuisine. It is the largest society of barbecue enthusiasts in the world. For more information: KCBS.us.