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COUNTRY LEGEND JOHNNY LEE 'LOOKIN' FOR LOVE' IN THE CELEBRITY SHOWROOM AT JOHN ASCUAGA'S NUGGET

Sparks/Reno, Nev. – Perhaps best known for his mega-hit, "Lookin' for Love," which appeared in the 1980's ode to modern honky-tonks, *Urban Cowboy*, Johnny Lee is a consummate classic country performer. See Lee one night only, October 17, in the Celebrity Showroom at John Ascuaga's Nugget.

In 1968, Lee began a 10-year working relationship with Mickey Gilley, both on the road and at Gilley's nightclub in Pasadena, Texas. He also began recording with some success. But things began to blossom when he was asked to perform in *Urban Cowboy*, which starred John Travolta and Deborah Winger, and for which he also recorded several songs used in the soundtrack. "Lookin' for Love", from that same soundtrack, became Lee's first gold record. The song spent three weeks at the top of the Billboard Country Music Singles Charts, and peaked at No. 2 on the Pop Music singles charts.

He followed up "Lookin' for Love" with "One in a Million", which spent two weeks at No. 1. More hits during this time included "Bet Your Heart On Me", "The Yellow Rose (a duet with Lane Brody)", and "You Could've Heard a Heart Break". His string of top-10 hits continued with "Pickin' Up Strangers," "Prisoner of Hope," "Be There for Me Baby," "Cherokee Fiddle," "Sounds Like Love," "Hey Bartender" and "Rollin' Lonely."

During the height of his success, he appeared on talk shows, several network specials and series such as *Fantasy Island*, *CHiPS*, *The Fall Guy*, *The A-Team*, and *The Grande Ole' Opry*. During the 90s, Lee's recording career was largely on hold following his '91 cover version of de Burgh's pop hit, "Lady in Red". He returned to the studio in '03, and recorded *13th of July* and a new Christmas Album *Santa Claus Is Lookin' For Love*. Two new albums in 2006 included the original *Emotions*, and a compilation of 46 songs on a 2-CD Set, *Greatest Hits and More*

Johnny Lee plays one night only, October 17, in the Celebrity Showroom at John Ascuaga's Nugget. Show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are just \$25 and are available by calling (800) 648- 1177 or (775) 356- 3300 or by visiting janugget.com. Dinner and show packages are available. "Do the Nugget Tonight!"