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CELEBRATING 55 YEARS IN BUSINESS ON MARCH 17 AT JOHN ASCUAGA'S NUGGET

Sparks/Reno, Nev. – Celebrating 55 years in Sparks – and looking forward to the future. Join the Ascuaga family, along with local dignitaries, as they commemorate more than a half-century in business on Wednesday, March 17 at 2 p.m. at the Casino Cabaret at John Ascuaga's Nugget.

Family owned and operated since 1955, John Ascuaga's Nugget's twin hotel towers illuminate the Reno-Sparks skyline with 1,600 rooms, eight award-winning restaurants, 110,000 square feet of meeting space, business center, concierge, covered and valet parking, salon/spa, year-round atrium pool, 1,200 slot machines, Bingo, live poker, table games, world class entertainment, airport shuttle service and attentive staff representing dozens of languages. Close to world-class skiing and golf, located along Interstate 80, recent \$25 million updates include complete remodels of the East Tower, Executive Convention area and Rotisserie Buffet. From its humble beginnings as a small restaurant, the Nugget and its namesake, John Ascuaga, have grown into Northern Nevada icons during the past 55 years.

The party starts at 2 p.m. in the Celebrity Showroom. Mr. Ascuaga will preside over a cake-cutting ceremony along with his daughter Michonne, the company's Chief Executive Officer, and his son Stephen, Chief Operating Officer. The cake, along with refreshments, will be complimentary for guests. Entertainment by the Reed High School 16-Coice Honor Choir will highlight the activities. In addition, the Nugget will introduce a special new project, "Nugget Tales," a collection of stories surrounding the Nugget's 55 years! Preview this project online at nugget55.blogspot.com.

In addition, as the anniversary always coincides with St. Patrick's Day, traditional specials will be available in Rosie's Café' and green beer will be poured at the bars.

John Ascuaga's Nugget is a premier casino resort owned and operated by the Ascuaga family in Sparks, Nevada. For more information, call (800) 648-1177 or (775) 356-3300, or visit janugget.com.