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U.S. Chamber Awards the RIVER HEIGHTS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE with 4-Star Accreditation

INVER GROVE HEIGHTS, MN, June, 23, 2008 - The United States Chamber of Commerce today awarded the RIVER HEIGHTS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE with 4-Star Accreditation for its sound policies, effective organizational procedures, and positive impact on the community.

“Accreditation recognizes chambers for their high standards of practice, full accountability to members, and steadfast commitment to community,” said Thomas J. Donohue, president and CEO, U.S. Chamber of Commerce. “We applaud these organizations for advancing these principles of free enterprise.”

Accreditation is the only national program that recognizes chambers for their effective organizational procedures and community involvement. In order to receive Accreditation, a chamber must meet minimum standards in their operations and programs, including areas of governance, government affairs, and technology. This extensive self-review can take 3-6 months to complete.

“This designation puts the River Heights Chamber at the top of its class, which shows the dedication our staff and volunteers have to be the best business association to serve our members,” stated Jennifer Gale, President of the River Heights Chamber. This prestigious honor puts us among the top 4% of chambers nationwide.

Only ten chambers in Minnesota have received Accreditation from the US Chamber: Albert Lea/Freeborn County, Detroit Lakes Regional, Fairmont, Greater Mankato, Marshall, Owatonna, River Heights, Rochester, Saint Paul and St. Cloud Area Chambers of Commerce.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world’s largest business federation, representing more than three million businesses and organizations of every size, sector, and region.

The River Heights Chamber's mission is to aggressively promote the interests of the business community. For more information on the River Heights Chamber or US Chamber of Commerce, visit www.riverheights.com or www.uschamber.com.

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