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Long Island Hotel Owner elected Vice Chairman of the State's Hospitality & Tourism Association

December 14, 2011 – John C. Tsunis, Chairman/CEO of Long Island Hotels LLC in Islandia, New York, was elected Vice Chairman of the New York State Hospitality & Tourism Association's (NYSH&TA) Board of Directors, effective January 1, 2012.

Long Island Hotels LLC includes the Marriott Courtyard Republic Airport and the TownePlace Suites by Marriott Republic Airport, both located in East Farmingdale, New York. Tsunis also built and opened the Holiday Inn Express in Stony Brook, New York, the first "Express" franchise for Holiday Inn.

Tsunis serves the Association as Chairman of its Political Action Committee, which assists in fundraising efforts and fund distribution to political candidates; Vice Chairman of its Education Foundation, which assists in the development of hospitality students by offering educational scholarships; and is Chairman of its Finance & Audit Committee.

"John understands the importance of collectively raising the political voice of the industry," said Jan Marie Chesterton, NYSH&TA President. "We welcome his continued involvement at the State and National level.

In addition to his work in the hotel industry, Tsunis is Partner at Tsunis Gasparis Lustig & Ring, LLC in Islandia, which specializes in real estate, zoning, commercial transactions and banking law. Tsunis is also Chairman of the Board of Gold Coast Bank in Islandia, and serves as a member of its executive and loan committees.

Tsunis received a Juris Doctor degree from Syracuse University College of Law, and is a graduate of New York University with Honors in Banking and Finance.

2012 Officers include Chairman Cynthia D. Hollowood, CHA, General Manager of the Holiday Inn – Saratoga Springs; and Secretary/Treasurer Kathryn F. Muncil, CEO of Fort William Henry Corp. in Lake George, NY. NYSH&TA's top executive is Jan Marie Chesterton.

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NYSH&TA is a not-for-profit trade organization representing nearly 1,300 member businesses and individuals in the lodging and attractions industry, whose mission is to provide a strong voice for the New York state hospitality and tourism industry, and to protect and enhance the financial welfare of the industry.