

TWO LAPORTE COUNTY RESIDENTS RECEIVE HOOSIER HOSPITALITY AWARDS

(May 16, 2007—Indianapolis, IN) Lt. Governor Becky Skillman presented awards to recipients statewide of the 2007 Hoosier Hospitality Awards at a ceremony held Tuesday, May 15, in the North Atrium of the Indiana Statehouse in Indianapolis.

Two recipients receiving awards were from Michigan City. Maureen Wall of the Michigan City Municipal Airport, and Mark Kolasa of Café Elite and Catering won Hoosier Hospitality Awards for their outstanding service. Brian Payne, Manager of the Michigan City Municipal Airport, accepted the award for Wall. Maureen was nominated for helping a family take care of their children and driving the family to a hotel when they were forced to land at the airport while traveling to Detroit. Mark was nominated for providing full dinners, breakfasts and lunches for over seventy relief workers from the National Guard, DNR, and FEMA/IEMA after the 106 mile an hour wind storm that caused major damage to LaPorte County last August.

The Hoosier Hospitality Awards recognize efforts in providing excellent customer service and dedication that contributes to making the state of Indiana a visitor's destination.