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Texas Roadhouse Partners with Country Music Artist Ayla Brown

American Idol Finalist Will Appear at Restaurants Across America

LOUISVILLE, Ky.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Texas Roadhouse is proud to partner with Nashville recording artist Ayla Brown. The six-foot-tall, former *American Idol* finalist and starter for the Boston College women's basketball team is the newest member of the Texas Roadhouse family. Brown's upbeat patriotic song, "Pride of America," co-written by Brown, Charlie Hutto and Courtney Dashe, will be featured on every Texas Roadhouse jukebox across America. Throughout the year, guests will have the chance to meet Brown at free meet and greet events at the restaurant.

"Texas Roadhouse has a long history of supporting rising country music artists," said Travis Doster, Senior Director of Public Relations. "A lot of Ayla's music promotes the U.S. military, which aligns perfectly with the Texas Roadhouse tradition of supporting those who protect our country."

While only 25-years-old, Brown has a long list of accomplishments including recording multiple albums, national and local performances, involvement with charitable causes, and serving as a national news correspondent for *The Early Show* on CBS.

In 2012, Ayla released a self-titled country music album from her record company, *Ambient Entertainment*. Her first single release, "Goodbye for Good," stayed strong at #1 on CDBaby.com's Country Rock, Country Pop, and Overall Country charts. Ayla produced the album, and she also co-wrote seven out of the nine tracks on the CD. During the summer of 2012, Ayla's self-titled CD charted on *Billboard* in the Northeast of the United States.

In November of 2012, Ayla released her country patriotic-inspired album titled, *Heroes and Hometowns*. All songs were recorded at CURB Studios in Nashville, TN, and a portion of every CD sale benefits a military non-profit based out of Massachusetts called *Hugs for Heroes, Inc.* On Memorial Day weekend, Ayla debuted at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, TN and performed her single, "Pride of America," and "Hero in Her Hometown." She also invited nineteen female soldiers from Ft. Campbell up on stage to be recognized for their service.

Photos available, by request.

Based in Louisville, Kentucky, with more than 410 locations in 48 states and two foreign countries, Texas Roadhouse opened its doors in 1993. The Louisville, KY based company is famous for hand-cut steaks, made-from-scratch sides, fresh-baked bread, and its lively atmosphere. In 2012 Texas Roadhouse was named Top Steakhouse in the Nation's Restaurant News' Consumer Picks survey, in 2007 and 2008 Forbes magazine ranked the company as one of the 200 Best Small Companies and in 2009 the company was ranked "Best Value" by readers of Consumer Reports magazine. For more information, visit www.texasroadhouse.com.

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