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## Kent Taylor Receives Highest Honor in Restaurant Industry

### *Peers Vote Taylor Operator of the Year*

LOUISVILLE, Ky.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Kent Taylor, CEO and Chairman of the Board of Texas Roadhouse, Inc. (NasdaqGS: TXRH) was named Operator of the Year during the 2014 [MUFSSO](#) Industry Awards Gala October 6 in Dallas.

Restaurant peers select the Operator of the Year from an exclusive list of the 2014 Golden Chain Honorees, which included Taylor; Sandra Cochran, president and chief executive of Cracker Barrel Old Country Store Inc.; Greg Creed, chief executive of Taco Bell; Joseph DePinto, president and chief executive of 7-Eleven Inc.; and Aylwin Lewis, president and chief executive of Potbelly Corp.

When asked about the award Taylor said, "My goal was never to be chairman of a board or run an international company. From day one, I have always considered myself an operator above everything else, which is why this award has special meaning to me. At Texas Roadhouse, our operators are the heart and soul of our company."

Operator of the Year and the Golden Chain Award are two of the latest accolades for Taylor and Texas Roadhouse. Earlier this year, the company landed on *Forbes* 100 Most Trustworthy Companies list and Glassdoor, a popular career search website, announced that Texas Roadhouse employees voted the company as one of the nation's Top 50 Best Places to Work. In 2012, Texas Roadhouse was named the #1 Steakhouse in *Nation's Restaurant News'* Consumer Picks survey.

*Based in Louisville, Kentucky, with more than 435 locations in 49 states and three 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 2014 Texas Roadhouse was named one of Employee's Choice Best Places to work by Glassdoor, 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](http://www.texasroadhouse.com).*

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