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**JUST LIKE IN TEXAS, EVERYTHING IS BIGGER AT THE
MELROSE HOTEL, DALLAS**

-- Celebrate BIG things in May as The Melrose tips its ten-gallon hat to its Texan heritage --

DALLAS, Texas – (April 14, 2005) – Tom Baker, newly appointed general manager of The Melrose Hotel in Dallas, announced today that the month of May will celebrate the hotel’s Texan history and heritage by offering the “BIG in Texas” menu at The Library Bar. Beginning May 1st and running through May 31st, Library Bar patrons will have the choice of two Texas-sized, BIG offers: an oversized martini served in a BIG glass paired with a JUMBO shrimp cocktail, or a BIG glass of Texas red wine served with super-sized Texas buffalo ribs.

The BIG martinis will be made with Texas’ first sanctioned distilled spirit, Tito’s Handmade Vodka. This award winning vodka was called “the spirit of Texas” in a recent Houston Chronicle article. Patrons will be able to select from the extensive Library Bar martini menu.

To accompany the Texas Buffalo ribs, Joel Harloff, executive chef at The Melrose Hotel, has selected a Texas Rhone style red from Llano Estacado. The signature red is a blend of five Rhone varieties grown in Texas. This is a delicate wine with a spicy perfume and hints of raspberry contributing to the flavor in the mouth. Tannins are soft, exhibiting light to medium body.

“The Melrose Hotel has a deep-rooted history in Dallas,” said Baker. “Named an historic landmark in 1983, promotions like these demonstrate our determination to retain strong ties to the hotel’s heritage and create a lasting legacy for the property. We take pride in our history and we want our guests to feel the same when they visit with us.”

The Library Bar at The Melrose Hotel, with live entertainment daily, is one of the most popular business and after work social meeting spots. Bartenders offer The Landmark Restaurant menu and a variety of new and old favorites on the bar’s martini menu.

For more information on the “BIG in Texas” offer at The Library Bar, call the bar directly at 214-224-3144. To learn more about The Melrose Hotel, call 214-521-5151 or visit www.melrosehotel.com.

About The Melrose Hotel, Dallas

Built in 1924, The Melrose Hotel, Dallas is an historic landmark that offers 184 luxury guest rooms including 21 suites and a Presidential Suite, each with a dramatic view of the city. Located in the Uptown Oak Lawn and Turtle Creek area, the hotel is five minutes from Love Field Airport, twenty-five minutes from Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport, three minutes from the Market Center and five minutes from Downtown, the Convention Center as well as the West End and McKinney Avenue entertainment areas.

About Melrose Hotels:

Melrose Hotels was established in 2000 with the purchase of the historic Melrose Hotel in Dallas, Texas. The company continues steady growth with several subsequent acquisitions, including The Melrose Hotel, Washington D.C., The Melrose Hotel, New York City and The Westin Columbus in Columbus, OH. For more information or to make a reservation, visit www.melrosehotel.com.

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