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Gaithersburg-Based Company Named Medal of Excellence Winner and 'Dealer of the Year' Finalist by Bryant Heating & Cooling Systems

Gaithersburg, Md. – (March 1, 2007) – Bryant Heating & Cooling Systems, a leader in providing home comfort solutions, recently announced that Gaithersburg A/C & Heating, Inc. of Gaithersburg, Md., was one of only 15 companies chosen from more than 4,000 in the U.S. and Canada as a nominee for the company's Dealer of the Year award. The company was recognized as a Medal of Excellence (MOE) awardee among businesses with similar sales volume in its sales territory.

On Feb. 23, Tony Petrolle of Gaithersburg A/C & Heating, Inc. joined other regional Bryant MOE awardees for an all-expenses paid weekend at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills for "red carpet treatment" at Bryant's Hollywood-style awards ceremony. A single Bryant Dealer of the Year – the professional who exceeded in both Bryant's MOE and Factory Authorized Dealer programs – was named at the event.

"Bryant's hardworking, knowledgeable dealers are known throughout the industry for doing *Whatever It Takes* to provide the highest quality customer service," said Rick Sanfrey, President, Bryant Heating & Cooling Systems. "Our Medal of Excellence/Dealer of the Year program truly rewards dealers' dedication and commitment to delivering the utmost in home comfort."

MOE is a business enrichment program available exclusively to Bryant dealers. Since the program's inception in 1990, more than 200 Bryant dealers have been recognized with a Medal of Excellence. The program has been revamped throughout its history. In 2006, the structure of the MOE program was completely overhauled. Bryant dealers are now evaluated for MOE based on sales growth, sale of high-efficiency products, customer satisfaction and participation in various dealer programs and promotions. This year the MOE program recognized 15 regional finalists and culminated with Bryant naming the 2006 Dealer of the Year.

"It's very rewarding to be recognized for the work that we do," said Petrolle. "These accomplishments wouldn't be possible without our outstanding team members and our loyal customers who have given us their business and their referrals."

Gaithersburg A/C & Heating, Inc. and its 22 employees have been serving the residential heating and cooling needs of Montgomery County since 1970. For more information, visit their website at www.gaithersburgair.com.

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About Bryant Heating & Cooling Systems

As a leading supplier of HVAC equipment, Bryant Heating & Cooling Systems has been dedicated to customer comfort and satisfaction since 1904. In addition to its best-in-class network of distributors and dealers, Bryant offers exceptional reliability and energy savings through an extensive line of durable heating and cooling products. Bryant is devoted to doing *Whatever It Takes* to deliver the highest quality of HVAC products and services for consumers nationwide, which is why so many people have trusted their indoor comfort needs to Bryant. For more information, visit the company's Web site:

www.bryant.com.

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