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Chef John Currence Named Mississippi Restaurateur of the Year

On Monday June 7, 2010, the Mississippi Hospitality & restaurant Association named Chef John Currence the 2010 restaurateur of the Year.

The MHRA accepted open nominations from operators throughout the state. The list of restaurateurs was reduced to a group of 6 finalists where Chef Currence was selected as the winner.

The finalists were evaluated in several different categories including the quality of their operation, charitable activities, political involvement and overall contribution to the restaurant industry.

“John is certainly deserving of this prestigious award,” states Mike Cashion CAE, Executive Director of the MHRA. “Not only is he a highly acclaimed chef, he has been recognized by the James Beard Foundation as one of the top chefs in the country. He has invested his time and talent in numerous charitable and civic projects and is a mentor to aspiring student chefs in and around the Oxford area.”

Currence and his culinary talents are in high demand. He frequently travels the country sharing his talent and passion for the restaurant industry.

Chef Currence owns City Grocery, Big Bad Breakfast, Boure and Snack Bar in Oxford Mississippi,

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The Mississippi Hospitality & Restaurant Association is a non-profit association composed of over 2000 food service operators, lodging properties, attractions, convenience stores, casinos, suppliers, manufacturers, and other professionals who realize the importance of working together for the good of our industry.

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