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HRTV® to Again Provide Coverage of Charles Town Racing Events

Charles Town, WV (February 19, 2013) – With the \$1,500,000 Charles Town Classic (G2) just two months away, Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races today announced it would again be partnering with HRTV, The Network for Horse Sports, to provide coverage for its three marquee events in 2013. Similar to what the network aired for the events the previous five years, HRTV will provide coverage, complete with in-studio commentary and analysis by network talent for each of Charles Town's three event days.

"Between the promotion they do in the lead-up to the event and analysis their hosts provide on race night, HRTV has unquestionably added value to our marquee races," said Erich Zimny, Vice President of Racing Operations at Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races. "HRTV has been there since the outset of our new racing events in 2008 and we're looking forward to them being a part of it once again in 2013."

"HRTV is once again delighted to partner with Charles Town for three outstanding racing days," said Scott Daruty, President of HRTV. "These stakes races have grown in stature and we're proud to devote extensive coverage for each of those great cards."

The first of Charles Town's racing events comes on April 20 with the fifth running of the Charles Town Classic. The 2013 Charles Town Classic, now worth \$1,500,000, stands as the richest thoroughbred race in the United States outside of the Kentucky Derby and Breeders' Cup. In addition to the Charles Town Classic, the April 20 card also features the \$200,000 Sugar Maple, \$85,000 Robert Hilton Memorial presented by Budweiser, \$50,000 Webb Snyder Charles Town Dash presented by Long Fence as well as a pair of West Virginia bred stakes.

The Charles Town Race for the Ribbon on September 21 is headlined by a pair of \$400,000, 7-furlong stakes for sophomore sprinters – the Researcher and Charles Town Oaks for three-year-old fillies. The Researcher – formerly named the Red Legend – was won in 2009 by 2010 champion sprinter Big Drama, Grade 1 winner JP's Gusto in 2011 and Sum of the Parts in 2012. The top prize in the 2012 Charles Town Oaks went to eventual La Brea (G1) victor Book Review this past year and had previously lured the likes of champion filly and mare sprinter Groupie Doll and Grade 1 winning Her Smile for the 2011 edition. A total of 5 stakes are currently scheduled for September 21.

The final of Charles Town's three marquee events is the 27th running of the West Virginia Breeders' Classics, to be held on October 19. Conceived of in the 1980's by Carol Holden and NFL Hall of Famer Sam Huff, the Breeders' Classics hit its high note in 2009 when total purses for the event reached \$2 million. The races and purses for the West Virginia Breeders' Classics will be released at a later date.

Post time for the first race on the 13 race Charles Town Classic and Race for the Ribbon programs is 5pm EST, with the featured race on each of those days scheduled to go off at 10:30pm EST. For West Virginia Breeders' Classics XXVII, first post will be at Charles Town's normal Saturday night start time of 7:15pm EST.