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**INDEPENDENT INSURANCE AGENTS OF TEXAS
NAMES KELLY MCCOY ACSR OF THE YEAR**

DALLAS, TX – June 28, 2005 – The Independent Insurance Agents of Texas (IIAT) recently named Kelly McCoy, senior commercial account manager for McQueary Henry Bowles Troy L.L.P. (MHBT) in Dallas, the Accredited Customer Service Representative of the Year for the state of Texas. This award recognizes individuals for their superior customer service skills, community involvement and education within the insurance industry.

McCoy was recognized on June 16 at the awards luncheon during IIAT's 108th Conference & Trade Show in Austin, TX. The award comes with a \$1,500 check.

"I think the ACSR is an excellent designation to obtain and it's a great honor," said McCoy. "It's also a compliment to the company I work for as they have contributed to my growth in many ways. This award is a testimony to the opportunities they have provided me to achieve these goals and enabled me to win this award. Of course, the \$1,500 reward is also a nice addition."

"IIAT is proud to recognize Kelly McCoy's superior customer service skills and community involvement," said David VanDelinder, executive director of IIAT. "After studying Kelly's application and after receiving several recommendation letters from her customers, it was clear that she was well deserving of the award."

The Independent Insurance Agents of Texas is one of the nation's largest state associations of independent insurance agencies. More than 1,800 agencies representing a

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network of some 15,000 agents and their employees are members. Independent agents and brokers offer all lines of insurance – property, casualty, life and health – as well as employee benefit plans and retirement products. IIAT members offer consumers policy choices from a variety of insurance companies. They are an active advocate on behalf of independent agents before legislative, regulatory and judicial bodies and are affiliated with the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America.

MHBT is based in Dallas and also has an office in Fort Worth and Austin, Texas. MHBT and its precursors have offered global insurance, bonds and financial services since 1926. The firm offers commercial risk management and insurance services, employee benefits and financial services, construction bond services, property and casualty insurance, personal insurance and surety and specialized services. *Business Insurance Magazine* has ranked MHBT as one of the top 100 commercial insurance firms in the United States for the past four years. For more information, please visit the firm's Web site at www.mhbt.com.

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