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Illinois' Long Term Care Profession Celebrates during IHCA's 59th Annual Convention and Trade Show Sept. 14-17 in Peoria

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PEORIA – Nearly 2,000 long term care professionals from across Illinois will celebrate and be honored during the Illinois Health Care Association's (IHCA) 59th Annual Convention and Trade Show Sept. 14-17 in Peoria.

This year's theme is "Ride the Wave." A grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony with Senator David Koehler and Representative Jehan Gordon will kick off the four-day event in the Peoria Civic Center at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15.

Other highlights include more than 100 educational sessions, networking opportunities, a Hospitality Hop and an expanded trade show with displays on the latest new products and technology in the long term care profession. Featured venues include the Peoria Civic Center, Hotel Père Marquette and Holiday Inn City Centre.

A Tribute awards ceremony to be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16 in the Hotel Père Marquette Ballroom honors the best of the best among IHCA employees, volunteers and programs and events of 2009. Among those being honored are several central Illinois professionals, including award nominees from Pekin, Galesburg, Bloomington and Normal facilities.

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The Illinois Health Care Association is a non-profit organization comprised of more than 490 licensed and certified long term care facilities and programs throughout the state.

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