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News Release

CELEBRITY CRUISES BEGINS NEW SAILINGS AT GALVESTON Galaxy Brings New Itineraries to Galveston's Cruise Offerings

Galveston, Texas...November 2, 2004...The Port of Galveston continues its remarkable growth as Celebrity Cruises began 11- and 12-day sailings from Galveston Island from November 2004 through April 2005.

“We are excited to welcome Celebrity Cruises and the *M/S Galaxy* to Galveston Island,” stated Steven M. Cernak, Port Director. “This is going to be a stellar year for cruising from the Port of Galveston, and by year end, we will have three year-round homeported cruise ships and two seasonal cruise ships operating from our cruise terminal complex. We have invested over \$35 million upgrading, renovating and enhancing our cruise facilities and we believe that all of the hard work and effort has paid off for the Port and the City. The citizens of Galveston should be proud of the strides that have been made, and Port staff is hopeful that the community recognizes the opportunity for future growth that is being presented.”

Celebrity Cruises' 1,870-passenger *Galaxy* has been ranked among the top 10 “best cruise ships in the world” in the prestigious *Conde Nast Traveler's* readers' survey. The *Galaxy* will offer round trip cruises through the Panama Canal and back with stops in Mexico and Central America.

Galaxy's itineraries are designed to appeal to ecotourists, art lovers and history enthusiasts alike. Ports-of-call include Cozumel, Mexico, whose coral reef and crystalline waters make it among the world's best diving and snorkeling destinations; Belize City, Belize, rich with Mayan history and culture, as well as parks and nature preserves; the historic, 50-mile Panama Canal, transecting the emerald jungles of Panama; Cristobal Pier, the port serving Colon and Panama City; Puerto Limon, Costa

Rica, featuring virgin rain forests and bird sanctuaries; Georgetown, Grand Cayman, whose famed “Stingray City” was named one of the most rewarding experiences in the undersea world, and Montego Bay, Jamaica, home to open-air markets, resorts, and an eclectic mix of local personalities and lively culture.

Meanwhile, onboard the *Galaxy*, guests will experience the “taste of luxury” that Celebrity is known for providing, along with an expanded enrichment lecture series and enticing amenities such as frosty towels, sorbet and fashion shows poolside; new dining options, including a Sushi Café and made-to-order pasta and pizza bar; sunset yoga and Pilates classes, and an entirely new category of plush accommodations, “Concierge Class.”

Fares for Celebrity’s new Galveston-based cruises begin at \$1,100 per person, double occupancy.

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