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### **2009 Calgary Business Hall of Fame Inductees Announced by Arlene Dickinson**

Junior Achievement of Southern Alberta  
Recognizes Entrepreneurship and Philanthropy

(Calgary-May 1, 2009) One of Calgary's leading oil and gas visionaries, the man behind Big Rock Brewery, and the legendary "Cattle King" are the 2009 laureates selected for induction to the Calgary Business Hall of Fame. Arlene Dickinson, CEO Venture Communication and member of the "Dragons Den" announced that Allan P. Markin, Edward E. McNally and Senator Patrick Burns (posthumously) are the newest inductees honoured at a luncheon hosted by Junior Achievement of Southern Alberta at the Hyatt Regency.

"These three individuals exemplify the true character of Alberta and through their unwavering spirit; vision and determination have played an instrumental role in creating the Alberta Advantage. It is on the economic and philanthropic foundation they have built that Albertans' will continue to grow, stimulate and sustain their community within the global economy", stated JASA President and CEO, Mr. Scott Hillier.

In attendance at the luncheon were Allan Markin, Edward McNally, and the family of the late Senator Patrick Burns. Also present were several Junior Achievement students including the Deloitte Inspiration Award winner Trent Cherak and Natasha Somani winner of the Peter Mansbridge National Youth Leadership Award both of whom will be representing southern Alberta at the 2009 Canadian Business Hall of Fame in Toronto this spring. Guests were joined by Jan Lisiecki renowned child prodigy pianist and national Youth Representative for UNICEF Canada. Although Jan did not perform at the luncheon he will be honouring attendees at the 2009 Gala Dinner and Induction Ceremony with a Solo Recital. Jan, who is described by Her Excellency, Governor General of Canada, Michaëlle Jean as: "an inspiration to children and adults across Canada" is delighted to participate.

Mr. Allan (Al) Markin, a true visionary and community leader, was born in the town of Bowness on May 6, 1945. The rhythm of Markin family life was set to the pulse of classic Alberta traditions like curling and hockey during the long winter months with summers spent outside under the blue Alberta skies. Although Al began his post-secondary training in electrical engineering, he soon realized that his future lay in the Alberta soil prompting him to change his career focus to oil and gas. Al graduated from the University of Alberta in 1968 as a chemical engineer. He joined Canadian Natural Resources Limited (CNRL) as the Chairman of the Board in 1988 helping to grow CNRL from a small operation of 6 employees with limited capital, to one of the most successful oil and gas companies in the world. He credits their success to three factors: a good vision combined with good strategy and a healthy dose of serendipity. Al brings this same passion and focus to his philanthropic endeavors having truly invested in the success of Alberta through significant contributions in support of health care, education and the arts.

Mr. Edward (Ed) McNally, the man behind Big Rock Brewery was born in the city of Lethbridge in 1925. Having lived through and witnessed the effects of the Great Depression, Ed began his working life in the newspaper industry where he learned the value of words and that less was more. After completing his law degree Ed married and began practicing law in Calgary, spending weekends on a family farm south of the city where he discovered the joys of farming. A ferocious reader and true entrepreneur Ed read about the "Mushrooming Microbreweries" in the US and decided that there was a market for real beer in Alberta. He established Big Rock Brewery in 1985 brewing beer that was flavorful and true to the Reinheitsgebot, the Bavarian Law of Purity of 1516. Ed's vision and determination culminated in the





success that is Big Rock Brewery – the second largest Canadian owned brewery dedicated to the production of a vast selection of pure malt, unpasteurized beers. Ed credits much of the company's success to the hard work and dedication of his many employees. A true entrepreneur and philanthropist, Ed, leads by example having made significant contributions in support of health care, education and diverse initiatives that enhance the social infrastructure of our province.

Senator Patrick Burns a founding member of the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede was best know for his political accomplishments and career as the “Cattle King” of Western Canada. Pat was born in Oshawa Upper Canada on July 6, 1885. One of 11 children born to Irish immigrants his family settled in Manitoba in 1878. His humble beginnings were a far cry from the accomplishments that would combine to create the legacy of Senator Patrick Burns. Early in life Pat recognized the value of a dollar, the benefit of hard work and the hefty profit margins available from the sale of beef. Working with railroad crews he hoarded his wages investing his earnings into ranching a quarter section of land he had purchased in Manitoba. Pat established P. Burns and Co. Ltd in Calgary in 1890 serving as President. It grew to become one of the largest businesses of its kind in the world with branches in London, Liverpool and Yokohama. In 1900 Pat diversified his business ventures to include the Burns Coal Mine which closed in 1920. The land the mine occupied is still owned by P.Burns Coal Mines Ltd. with remnants of buildings and coal still visible – reminders of bygone days. In 1912 Pat was one of Albertas “Big Four” cattleman, he was called to the Canadian Senate in 1931, relinquishing his seat in 1936. Senator Patrick Burns deservedly received many honours and awards in his lifetime and through his legacy his spirit continues to enhance our community in the philanthropic efforts of the Burns Memorial Trust. Senator Burns died in Calgary on February 24, 1937.

**Complete biographies for all three men are attached and available for viewing at the Hall of Fame wall on the main floor of Bankers Hall East .**

The 2009 Laureates will be added to Calgary Business Hall of Fame wall in Bankers' Hall and will be formally inducted at a gala dinner on November 4, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency in Calgary. The event will be hosted by CBC National News anchor Mr. Peter Mansbridge.

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