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JIM SPENCER, KINNEY DRUGS PRESIDENT, PASSES AWAY AFTER LONG ILLNESS

GOUVERNEUR, NY – Following a long illness, Kinney Drugs President Jim Spencer passed away peacefully at home with his family by his side on Sunday, March 3, 2019.

Following his 1990 graduation from Rutgers University School of Business, Jim launched what would be a long and distinguished career in retail. In 2010, Jim joined Kinney Drugs as Director of Retail Operations. He rose quickly through the organization, and most recently served as EVP of Administrative Support Services for KPH Healthcare Services, Inc. and President of Kinney Drugs. For many years, Jim also served on the Board of Directors of the Kinney Drugs Foundation.

“Jim was a tremendous leader who absolutely loved retail,” said Bridget-ann Hart, R.Ph., President and CEO of KPH Healthcare Services. “He always challenged himself and his colleagues to be better in business while still preserving our unique culture. He was a friend to all of us and will be sorely missed.”

Jim enjoyed golf, boating, and family vacations and was an avid Philadelphia Eagles fan. He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Lisa Spencer, and two daughters, Samantha and Jessica Spencer.

Family and friends may call 9:00AM – 12:00PM Friday, March 8, 2019, immediately followed by a funeral service in celebration of Jim’s life at the Thomas J. Pirro, Jr. Funeral Home, 3401 Vickery Road, North Syracuse, NY. Cards and remembrances may be sent to the funeral home. Contributions may be made to the Kinney Drugs Foundation, 29 East Main St., Gouverneur, NY 13642.

ABOUT KINNEY DRUGS: Founded in Gouverneur, NY in 1903, today the independent, employee-owned company operates 98 stores throughout New York and Vermont. Kinney Drugs is part of the KPH Healthcare Services family of companies, a national provider of pharmaceutical and healthcare services with complementary businesses in both the retail and commercial segments of the industry. KPH is comprised of four divisions: (1) Kinney Drugs, a chain of nearly 100 full-service drug stores located throughout New York and Vermont; (2) Health Direct Institutional Pharmacy Services, which serves long-term care and alternative care needs; (3) ProAct, Inc., a pharmacy benefit management company with sales offices throughout the country and a mail-order pharmacy; and (4) Noble Health Services, a specialty pharmacy that dispenses medications used to treat complex and chronic diseases. KPH Healthcare Services is an employee-owned company with more than 3,900 employees that provides the highest quality pharmacy and healthcare services. Every aspect of KPH’s business is guided by the values of excellence, moral responsibility, and community spirit.

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