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## **Cracker Barrel Announces That James Bradford Named Non-Executive Chairman Of the Year by New York Stock Exchange Governance Services**

LEBANON, Tenn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- [Cracker Barrel Old Country Store](#)® (Nasdaq: CBRL) announced today that James Bradford, Chairman of the Board, was named Non-Executive Chairman of the Year by the [New York Stock Exchange \(NYSE\) Governance Services](#) as part of its Annual Governance, Risk and Compliance Leadership Awards. Award winners were honored at a ceremony held in New York City on June 18. Eligible candidates included publicly traded companies in the United States that are listed on the NYSE or NASDAQ.

"NYSE Governance Services' Governance, Risk, and Compliance Leadership Awards underscore the role that corporate governance plays in dictating a company's success and a board's contribution to long-term value," said Adam Sodowick, President, NYSE Governance Services. "The outstanding companies and individuals recognized by this year's awards program represent truly exemplary leadership in today's evolving governance, risk and compliance landscape."

"We congratulate Jim for receiving this prestigious award, and are honored by his service to Cracker Barrel on behalf our shareholders," said Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. President and CEO Sandra B. Cochran. "We believe that strong corporate governance plays an important role in our Company's success, and sets the foundation for long-term value creation. Jim's leadership and our Board's focus on corporate governance practices have contributed to our solid performance and outstanding shareholder returns."

James Bradford is former Dean and Ralph Owen Professor for the Practice of Management at Vanderbilt University's Owen Graduate School of Management. An experienced corporate executive, Bradford previously served as President and Chief Executive Officer of United Glass Corporation, a consolidation of glass fabricators in the United States and Canada, and as President and Chief Executive Officer of AFG Industries Inc., North America's largest vertically integrated glass manufacturing and fabrication company, after joining that company in 1984 as general counsel following 11 years in private practice. Bradford has been on Cracker Barrel's Board of Directors since August 2011.

### **About Cracker Barrel**

Cracker Barrel Old Country Store provides a friendly home-away-from-home in its old country stores and restaurants. Guests are cared for like family while relaxing and enjoying real home-style food and shopping that's surprisingly unique, genuinely fun and reminiscent of America's country heritage...all at a fair price. The restaurants serve up delicious, home-style country food such as meatloaf and homemade chicken n' dumplins as well as our signature biscuits using an old family recipe. The authentic old country retail store is fun to shop and offers unique gifts and self-indulgences.

Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. (Nasdaq: CBRL) was established in 1969 in Lebanon, Tenn. and operates 635 company-owned locations in 42 states. Every Cracker Barrel store is open seven days a week with hours Sunday through Thursday, 6 a.m. - 10 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 6 a.m. - 11 p.m. For more information, visit: [crackerbarrel.com](http://crackerbarrel.com).

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