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## Arabian Horse Association Announces 2014 Distance Horse of the Year Award Recipient

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**(01-December-14 – AURORA, CO)** – Arabian horses are known for their endurance, their beauty, and their ability to be versatile and strong. The Arabian Distance horse is no different and the Arabian Horse Association's (AHA) Distance Horse of the Year award recognizes these attributes and the significant accomplishments of an Arabian, Half-Arabian or Anglo-Arabian horse in the distance sports each year. This year, with an impressive field of nominees, only one could be selected and the honor of this prestigious award was given to **GF Brazils Envy**.

Distance is the name and high mileage is this horse's game. Owned and ridden by Ann Kratochvil of Ridgecrest, Calif., GF Brazils Envy has been competing in American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC) rides for nine years. Kratochvil is an accomplished rider herself, logging over 23,000 endurance miles, but considers Envy to be the best horse she has ever owned.

During her nine years of competition, Envy completed an unprecedented total of 8,560 miles and still has more rides to compete in before the 2014 year is through. Envy's impressive mileage career is as follows: in 2006, she completed 155 miles; in 2007, she completed 505 miles; in 2008, 950 miles; in 2009, 1,200 miles; in 2010, she completed 850 miles; in 2011, she completed 1,220 miles; in 2012, 1,690 miles; in 2013, 1,015 miles; and at the time of his nomination, Envy had completed 1,020 miles in 2014.

While high mileage is important for this award recipient, Envy has other monumental accolades. Having received 12 first place finishes, 105 Top Ten awards and 15 best Condition Awards, Envy has shown that she is not only fit and fast, but also a horse with a huge heart. Owner Ann Kratochvil and Carla Richardson believe these were just some of the many reasons Envy was deserving of the nomination and win.

AHA would like to congratulate GF Brazils Envy on her many accomplishments and her winning of this coveted award.

This year, the AHA Award Sub-Committee comprised of the Awards, AHA Distance Ride Commission and Distance Ride Committee chairs and two at-large Distance Committee members, had the distinguished task of reviewing ten nominees for the AHA Distance Horse of the Year award. They had a tough decision to make, with an impressive field of nominees.

AHA would like to congratulate all of the 2014 Distance Horse of the Year Award nominees: Amigo Rissar+, Awesomes Fire N Ice, Belesema Finalia, Cashin In, Davanna Tom Cat, MMF Thunders Echo+/, Sea Dragon, Sizedoesntmatter and Wyntez Buddy. Each of these horses were deserving nominees and AHA wishes them luck in 2015.

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