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PROLIFIC SONG-WRITER CHARLES 'RICH' CASON DIES

Jackson, MS. March 21, 2007-Prolific song-writer and highly esteemed record producer, Charles 'Rich' Cason, lost his long battle with cancer late yesterday afternoon in Los Angeles, CA. Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, March 26, at Triangular Church of Religious Science, 1938 S. Western Avenue, in Los Angeles, CA, 90018. For directions, contact the church at: 323-731-1194. Wednesday, March 28, Interment services will be held in Phoenix, AZ.

As one of Malaco's key producers and hottest song-writers, he will be sorely missed. States Tommy Couch, Sr., President of Malaco Records, "Rich was one of our go-to guys in the writing and producing part of our business. He has delivered many hits to us and will be greatly missed by everyone here at Malaco. He was not only a gifted musician but had a kind and gentle spirit about him."



Born in 1945, Cason's career in music spans more than four decades and crosses many musical styles, though he found his home in R & B. Honored as the **#1 Producer of the Year** at the 2005 Blues Critics Awards, Cason also earned a **Grammy nomination** for "Soul Heaven," (Johnnie Taylor, *Malaco Records*), and won a place in the Arizona Music Hall of Fame for his work on The Blazers' "Funky Broadway," as well as winning **Producer of the Year** and **Songwriter of the Year** at the Jackson Music Awards in Mississippi.

Cason's name is synonymous with 'hit record' for many of the artists that he worked with. "Good Love" was Malaco's biggest selling single and remained on Billboard's blues charts for over 52 weeks in the number one slot. The Rose Brothers (*Malaco Records*) reached Billboard's Top Ten with hits, "I Get Off On You" and "Easy Love," and the list of artists he wrote and/or produced for, though too numerous to mention them all, includes: Johnnie Taylor, Bobby 'Blue' Bland, Floyd Taylor, Marvin Sease, Ray Charles, Jermaine Jackson, The Temptations, The Fifth Dimension, The Dramatics, The Fiestas, Formula V, Garland Green, Jimmy Lewis, Al Wilson, Sam and Dave, The Soul Children, Leon Haywood and ZZ Hill.

Forward-thinking, innovative musician, Rich Cason found it an exciting challenge to change with the times, becoming a leader as he broadened his musical horizons. He is a key foundational player in the development of the R & B of our times and his music will continue to influence all who follow after him.

For more information on Richard Cason, please visit his website: www.richardcason.com.

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