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Carriage Services Expands Its Georgia Footprint With the Acquisition of Conner Westerbury Funeral Home

HOUSTON, March 13, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Carriage Services, Inc. (NYSE: CSV) announced today that it has acquired Conner Westbury Funeral Home in Griffin, GA. Established in 2001, the business has quickly grown to one of the leading funeral service providers in the Griffin area, serving approximately 450 families per year. Under the leadership and guidance of Mike Conner, along with the many talented funeral directors and staff members, Conner Westbury Funeral Home has earned its reputation as the premier provider in this market. We are also pleased to announce that Mike Conner has agreed to remain on with the business as its Managing Partner. With his deep local roots and reputation, Mike will be an excellent ambassador for the core values of professionalism and entrepreneurship which we embrace at Carriage Services.

"With this acquisition, we are continuing our strategy of partnering with businesses that represent the very top of their respective markets," stated Melvin C. Payne, Chairman and CEO of Carriage Services. "By partnering with the very best, our company comes closer to our Mission of Being the Best."

Carriage Services is a leading provider of deathcare services and merchandise in the United States. Carriage operates 161 funeral homes in 26 states and 32 cemeteries in 11 states.

Certain statements made herein or elsewhere by, or on behalf of, the Company that are not historical facts are intended to be forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These statements are based on assumptions that the Company believes are reasonable; however, many important factors, as discussed under "Forward-Looking Statements and Cautionary Statements" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010, could cause the Company's results in the future to differ materially from the forward-looking statements made herein and in any other documents or oral presentations made by, or on behalf of, the Company. The Company assumes no obligation to update or publicly release any revisions to forward-looking statements made herein or any other forward-looking statements made by, or on behalf of, the Company. A copy of the Company's Form 10-K, and other Carriage Services information and news releases, are available at www.carriageservices.com.

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