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KING WARD COACH LINES TO BECOME KING GRAY COACH LINES

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King Ward Coach Lines is proud to announce that the company will officially be changing its name to King Gray Coach Lines.

The new name reflects the evolution of the company and welcomes Matthew Gray, grandson of original owner Robert King, as part owner and General Manager. Mr. Gray started with the company in 2002, learning the business by working in every department from the garage to sales.

In keeping with the tradition of being family owned and operated since 1987, the company would like to recognize additional family member Mark King, who joins the company after retiring from his career with the US Post Office. Matthew Gray will be leading the 3rd generation of the King family including Scott Graves, Keith Reynolds and Benjamin Reynolds, who are integral parts of the company's day to day operation.

Originally purchased by Robert King in December 1987, Terrien Transportation, Inc. was formed. A transportation company servicing special needs children, transporting them to and from school. Terrien continued on with this service and expanded to a motorcoach company in January 1989, when Robert King, President & Owner of Terrien Transportation, Inc. and Russ Ward, Superintendent of Transportation of Holyoke Street Railway, acquired the operating rights of the old Holyoke Street Railway and started King Ward Coach Lines.

In July of 1994 Russ lost his courageous battle with cancer, but his legacy lived on as his wife Jan Ward worked for the company until retiring in 2016.

In October of 2003, Robert King sold the company to his son Dennis King, who had been working with him since 1988. Dennis will continue as majority owner and President and promises to continue to provide the same safe, reliable, quality transportation that it has been known for over the last 32 years.

The company has been operating in Chicopee at 70 Justin Drive since 2003.

King Ward runs approximately 30 pieces of equipment, including several vehicle types to accommodate passenger needs and budgets. The fleet consists of 56 and 38 Passenger Deluxe Coaches, 14 Passenger Mini-Buses, 12 passenger wheelchair accessible mini-bus as well as several full-size accessible coaches, and 5 passenger minivans.

King Ward Coach Lines is proud to be a member of the following industry associations: United Motor Coach Association, Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Greater Chicopee Chamber of Commerce. In addition, King Ward is certified by The Department of Defense to support our service men and women as a DoD carrier. Also, King Ward has the highest safety rating given by the Department of Transportation.