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# Josh Turner's "Live Across America" Achieves Top Ten Chart Success

Album Named # 9 on the Billboard Top Country Albums Chart

LEBANON, Tenn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Josh Turner's latest album with Cracker Barrel Old Country Store<sup>®</sup>, **Josh Turner**— **Live Across America**, has debuted at #9 on the *Billboard* magazine's Top Country Albums chart and #46 on the *Billboard* Top 200 chart. The release marks Josh's sixth career Top 10 *Billboard* album debut. It's available exclusively at all Cracker Barrel<sup>®</sup> locations and crackerbarrel.com.

**Josh Turner—Live Across America** features recordings from live shows during his Cracker Barrel-sponsored 2012 tour, from Lancaster, Pa. to Kansas City, Mo. and more. "My band and I had a blast making this record," Turner shares. "This is the best representation of my present-day live show and I am honored to be partnered with Cracker Barrel again."

Fans can also download the album at Amazon.com and on iTunes.

"We're so very pleased to see that our guests have embraced this exclusive new CD with Josh Turner and supported it onto the Top 10 list," said Cracker Barrel Marketing Manager Julie Craig. "We have enjoyed working with Josh, and hope that many more of our guests will 'take to the road' with this CD."

Turner will appear on NBC's *TODAY Show* on September 19, *Fox & Friends* on September 21, Sirius XM's *The Highway*, and more in support of the release.

Josh Turner—Live Across America is the latest in Cracker Barrel's exclusive music program. Since 2005, Cracker Barrel has released CDs with a wide variety of artists, some of which have debuted in the top three spots on a range of *Billboard* magazine's charts including Top DVD Music Videos, Top Country Albums, Top Christian Albums and Top Bluegrass Albums. In addition, An Evening With ... Dolly earned a Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) Gold award, Dailey & Vincent Sing The Statler Brothers won "Album of the Year" from the International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) and a track on that CD was nominated for a Grammy® award, and Smokey Robinson's Now & Then was nominated for an NAACP IMAGE AWARD. Cracker Barrel's exclusive music program includes CDs with Alabama, Rodney Atkins, Jason Michael Carroll, The Charlie Daniels Band, Ronnie Dunn, Edens Edge, Sara Evans, Bill Gaither, Montgomery Gentry, Amy Grant, The Grascals, Merle Haggard, Alan Jackson, George Jones, Alison Krauss & Union Station, Craig Morgan, The Oak Ridge Boys, Kenny Rogers, Ricky Skaggs, Aaron Tippin, Randy Travis, Wynonna, and the Zac Brown Band. For details, visit crackerbarrel.com/music.

## **About Cracker Barrel Old Country Store**

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 restaurant serves up delicious, home-style country food such as meatloaf and homemade chicken n' dumplins as well as its made from scratch 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 620 company-owned locations in 42 states. Every Cracker Barrel unit 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 <u>crackerbarrel.com</u>.

#### **About Josh Turner**

One of country music's most recognizable hit-makers earning numerous CMA, ACM and GRAMMY nominations since the release of his debut album, **Long Black Train**, Josh Turner has sold more than five million albums and garnered four No. 1 hits (including three multi-week chart-toppers): "Your Man," "Would You Go With Me," and "Why Don't We Just Dance" (a four-week No. 1 that was named the most-played song of the year in 2010 by MediaBase). His song, "All Over Me," from **Haywire** also reached the top spot on the charts, making him one of only seven country artists to have two No. 1 hits in 2010. A Hannah,

S.C. native, Turner has been songwriting and performing since he was a young child, and in support of music education, created The Josh Turner Scholarship Fund to assist students interested in pursuing a future in arts/music. As a high school student, he had very little access to music education, therefore realizes first-hand the importance of arts in the schools. Celebrating the release of one of his fastest-rising singles to-date, "Time Is Love," Turner recently celebrated the release of his fifth studio album, **Punching Bag** on Tuesday, June 12 which debuted at No. 1 on the *Billboard* Country Albums Chart. *The Associated Press* says, "With **Punching Bag**, Turner once again proves he ranks among the most effective -- and most hard-core country -- performers of his generation." For more information on Josh Turner including a list of his upcoming headlining tour dates, visit <a href="https://www.JoshTurner.com">www.JoshTurner.com</a>.

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