${...} is the property placeholder syntax. It can only be used to dereference properties.

#{...} is [SpEL syntax](http://docs.spring.io/spring/docs/current/spring-framework-reference/html/expressions.html), which is far more capable and complex. It can also handle property placeholders, and a lot more besides.

Both are valid, and neither is deprecated.

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/5322632/spring-expression-language-spel-with-value-dollar-vs-hash-vs>