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HBA Announces the 2011 Builder of the Year

Raleigh, N.C. – During the annual Installation and Holiday Party held on Dec. 9 at the Renaissance Hotel in North Hills, the Home Builders Association of Raleigh-Wake County (HBA) announced Lyle Gardner, president of Spectrum Homes and Evergreen Construction Company, as 2011 Builder of the Year, Grant Dickens as 2011 Rookie Member of the Year, Nancy Latz, a sales associate of Closet Creations as 2011 Affiliate Member of the Year, and Barry Tutor, a sales and marketing director for Bonded Builders Warranty Group, as 2011 Associate Member of the Year.

“Homes are a place to raise families and create a strong community,” said Gardner after receiving the award. “I have enjoyed my role in providing home ownership for North Carolina families.”

Gardner, a home builder in Wake County for over forty years, was selected as builder of the year for his leadership of the association at the local, state and national levels. In addition his character is what many builders strive to demonstrate. Gardner served as HBA president in 1992 and was the 2010 president of the North Carolina Home Builders Association.

As a rookie HBA member and recent employee of Rufty Homes, Dickens quickly became involved in the association’s Remodelers Council and served as chair of their community outreach committee in 2011. As chair, he unexpectedly found himself involved with a large national television rescue remodel where he had to manage several members in the process.

Nancy Latz of Closet Creations was honored the 2011 Affiliate of the Year. Latz has been involved with every aspect of the HBA’s Triangle Sales and Marketing Council and was recently presented the council’s Extra Effort Award. Latz also received the 2010 Associate of the Year Award during the Remodelers Council STAR Awards last August.

As associate of the year, Tutor was selected for his outstanding leadership for the association over the last several years. In addition to sponsorships, Tutor provides his involvement at the local, state and national associations. He has also served as a HBA board of directors member and on the executive committee for the North Carolina Home Builders Association.

About the HBA

The Home Builders Association of Raleigh-Wake County (HBA) is the voice of the home building industry throughout Wake County, and provides members opportunities for business development, education, professional growth, networking and community involvement. The membership, comprised of builders, remodelers, developers, and sales & marketing professionals, is affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders, which represents over 120,000 member companies nationwide. Currently the HBA is the second largest home builders association in the country. The members of the HBA are building excellence together for the neighborhoods and communities of tomorrow. Find more information at www.hbawake.com.