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Recognizing Those Who Stepped Up to a Challenge in 2011

Raleigh, N.C. – The Home Builders Association of Raleigh-Wake County (HBA) announced its annual member awards to recognize individuals that have gone above and beyond their service to the association. The awards were presented during the annual Installation and Holiday Party on Dec. 9 at the Renaissance Hotel in North Hills. This year, the HBA gave awarded five individuals, one council and one town government.

“As I thought back over this year’s events and activities, there were many members’ names that came to mind,” said Wes Carroll, president of Upright Builders and the 2011 HBA president. “The members awarded this evening continue to give back to our community, help us grow in our professional development, and step up to the challenges presented to them.”

Presidential Awards

The Presidential Awards for 2011 were presented to:

- Henry Warren of Stock Building Supply for his service on numerous committees and the HBA Board of Directors. He continues to be a shining example of the more you put into the association, the more you get out of it.
- HBA Remodelers Council – received a Presidential Award for their response and participation to a national request from NBC to help a woman and her family in Knightdale.
- Gian Hasbrock of Beazer Homes for stepping up each year to help HBA members reach a higher level with professional development and education.
- Rob Weintraub of Ammons Development for his tireless assistance on numerous issues throughout our community and is assisting our national association with storm water issues.

Fairness in Government Award

“One of the major functions of our organization is to provide affordable shelter for all families in Wake County,” said Wes Carroll, president of Upright Builders and the 2011 HBA president. “The Fairness in Government Award was created to recognize public officials and/or local government employees who help to promote home ownership and keep the lines of communication open to achieve this goal.”

The 2011 winner of the Fairness in Government Award is Dr. James West, Wake County Commissioner for being a reasonable voice for business to provide economic opportunity for everyone.

2011 Outstanding Public Service Award

This year, the HBA recognized the entire Town of Knightdale as the winner of the 2011 Outstanding Public Service Award for Local Government Staff for their assistance toward the Remodelers Council's home upgrade project for a young lady who was paralyzed prior to her wedding.

Last February, the Remodelers Council of the HBA was invited by NBC's Today Show and George to the Rescue, a home improvement television show, to serve as the certified experts for a special volunteer project to benefit Rachelle Friedman, a bride who was paralyzed during a tragic accident. The 12 day project had tight film deadlines and required immediate assistance by the Town of Knightdale to approve permits and move the project forward.

"The Town of Knightdale really stepped up to help the Remodelers Council for the George to the Rescue remodel," said Steve Hilliard, president and CEO of Hilliard Contracting Inc. and 2011 chair of the Remodelers Council. "Town officials were on call 24 hours a day to help us complete this project!"

Political Courage Award

The HBA award for Political Courage is given to a member who has been involved locally to make a difference. Mike Golder of Barrington Homes, Inc. was presented this award for his time spent working on the Wake County Planning Board.

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.