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New President Commits to Education
Douglas Ball Installed as 56th President of Home Builders Association of Raleigh-Wake County

Raleigh, N.C. – Douglas Ball, of DEB Development Services Inc was installed as the 56th president of the Home Builders Association of Raleigh-Wake County (HBA), during an annual installation and holiday party last December at the Marriott City Center Hotel in Raleigh.

“Throughout my year as president, I will look to strengthen our relationships with elected officials, continue our support of Wake Tech Community College and those pursuing the professional trade and subcontractors opportunities,” said Ball.

As the HBA continues to change, it looks for new events and continues to grow through its membership. As a benefit to members, the HBA serves as the voice of the residential construction industry. Ball plans to continue the active political involvement to insure that there are elected leaders who understand housing’s role in the economy. On the local level, the government affair committee works closely with the municipal and county leaders to provide input into decisions that affect the industry.

In addition, educational programs and seminars are an important part of any professionals’ success. HBA members have access to a wide range of educational and informative topics relating to their industry. Ball will look for ways to grow that educational commitment this year. As part of an ongoing program, the association offers college scholarships to students enrolling in construction and building trades in North Carolina who will attend Wake Tech Community College and/or N.C. public colleges.

The HBA continues to working on its ten-year, \$250,000 scholarship commitment to Wake Tech Community College made back on July 23, 2007. The scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic achievement for students enrolled in the following trades: electrical/electronics technology, air conditioning, heating and refrigeration, plumbing technology, architectural engineering technology, civil engineering technology and surveying.

About Douglas Ball

Douglas Ball is a residential and commercial real estate developer in Southern Wake County. His company is involved in building homes, developing land, managing residential and commercial properties, and third party project management services. Ball earned his Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering in 1993 from the University of

North Carolina at Charlotte. He also is a licensed Broker-in-Charge with the N.C. Real Estate Commission.

In addition to his HBA involvement, Ball serves on the Board of Directors for the Wake County Planning Board, Garner Chamber of Commerce, Four Oaks Bank and is a current member of the N.C. Self storage Association. He is also actively engaged in his community and is a member of Garner Mid-Day Rotary Club, Advisory Board Member with the Poole Family YMCA, as well as an active volunteer in the Garner Civitan Club, Triangle Down Syndrome Network, and lifelong member of Plymouth Church. He is married to Jane Ball and is the proud father to four children.

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.