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Greenwood's B. LaVonne Borges Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (Oct. 7, 2015) – B. LaVonne Borges, MBA, SRA, of Greenwood, Indiana, was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's October "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region V.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region V consists of Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia. Borges is a member of the Hoosier State Chapter.

"LaVonne Borges is an outstanding representative of the Appraisal Institute," said Appraisal Institute President M. Lance Coyle, MAI, SRA. "We are fortunate to work with dedicated volunteers like LaVonne, who devote their time and energy to advancing the real estate valuation profession in their communities."

Borges served the Hoosier State Chapter as president (2006), vice president (2005), Education Committee chair (2005-06), secretary, treasurer and Finance Committee chair (2004) and regional representative (1998, 2000-01, 2007-08). She assists in establishing scholarship programs for the Hoosier State Chapter and Region V, as well as other chapters and regions.

From 2010-12 Borges was chair of the national Diversity Committee, and also served as a committee member from 2002-04 and a member, at large in 2005. Borges received her SRA designation in 1994.

She is co-owner of Borges & Borges Real Estate Advisors in Seymour, Indiana, and has worked in the valuation profession for 38 years. Borges has a bachelor's degree in business administration and urban land, and an MBA.

Borges' volunteer experience includes officer and board member of Mothers of Twins Club, an organizer of the Seymour Octoberfest Baby Contest, chair of the March of Dimes Donation Drive and chair of the Publications Committee for the Greater Seymour Chamber of Commerce. She has spent numerous years on the PTA, and as a Brownies leader and school chaperone.

Borges and her husband, Richard, MAI, SRA, AI-GRS, AI-RRS, have three daughters, and twin granddaughters.

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