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**La Mesa's Robert E. James, Jr. Honored
as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'**

CHICAGO (March 9, 2016) – Robert E. James, Jr., Candidate for Designation, of La Mesa, California, was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's March "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region VII.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region VII consists of Arizona, Hawaii, southern California and southern Nevada. James is a member of the San Diego Chapter.

"Robert James is an outstanding example of the high standards held by Appraisal Institute professionals," said Appraisal Institute President Scott Robinson, MAI, SRA, AI-GRS. "We feel fortunate to have volunteers like Robert, who are willing to devote their time and talent to helping their communities and advancing the valuation profession."

James serves the San Diego Chapter as chair of the Education Committee, and was a member of the chapter's Board of Directors from 2014-15. He also was a participant in the national Leadership Development and Advisory Council Conference from 2014-15. James joined the Appraisal Institute in 2011.

James is a senior appraiser at CBRE, located in San Diego. A third-generation appraiser, he has been in the valuation profession for 30 years. He studied finance with an emphasis in real estate at San Diego State University.

He has belonged to Rotary International for 23 years, and currently serves as secretary and chair for a fundraiser to benefit local charities. James is a marching instructor for local high school marching bands, and emcees high school band competitions.

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