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## **Simi Valley's Joyce Riggs Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'**

CHICAGO (Nov. 7, 2012) – Joyce L. Riggs, MAI, of Simi Valley, Calif., was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's November "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. Riggs is a member of the Southern California Chapter.

"Joyce Riggs is an excellent ambassador for the Appraisal Institute," said Appraisal Institute President Sara W. Stephens, MAI. "We're privileged to have members like Joyce who actively contribute to the real estate valuation profession and to their local communities every day."

Riggs was Southern California Chapter president in 2003, vice president in 2002 and secretary in 1998, and she has served on numerous committees. She became a member of the Appraisal Institute in 1991 and received her MAI designation in 1995.

She became vice president and treasurer at Riggs & Riggs, Inc. in Simi Valley in 2001. She holds a bachelor's degree from California State University in Northridge. She has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for 24 years.

Riggs served as registrar, coach and crew member for the Simi Valley Running Rebels youth track & field and cross country club.

She is married to Bryan G. Riggs, MAI; they have two children.

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