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Ocala's Stephen Albright, Jr., MAI, Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (Aug. 4, 2010) – Stephen Albright, Jr., MAI, of Ocala, Fla., was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's August "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region X.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest organization of real estate appraisers; Region X includes Florida, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Albright is a member of the Appraisal Institute's East Florida Chapter.

"Stephen Albright, Jr., is an example of the outstanding individuals who belong to the Appraisal Institute," said Leslie P. Sellers, MAI, SRA, Appraisal Institute president. "We're proud of the contributions Stephen and all our members make to our organization, to the real estate valuation profession and to the communities where they work and live."

Albright has been a member of the Appraisal Institute for more than a decade. His service to the Appraisal Institute includes serving on the East Florida Chapter's Board of Directors and chairing its Membership Retention and Recruitment Committee. A regular appraisal exam proctor, he has assisted in numerous fundraising efforts for his chapter, including serving as tournament director for its Winter Extravaganza – an annual event that combines appraisal education and networking with a golf tournament.

Albright has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for more than 15 years. He has been certified as a general real estate appraiser by the state of Florida and has served as an appraiser mentor to numerous trainee appraisers. Having worked for Albright and Associates of Ocala, Inc., since 1994, he took over as president of the company in 2002.

In his community, Albright serves on the board of the Central Florida Community College Foundation and as an elder at First Presbyterian Church. Previously a member of the Ocala/Silver Springs Rotary Club, he currently devotes his free-time to coaching little league baseball.

Albright, 40, earned his MAI designation earlier this year. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill.

The Appraisal Institute is a global membership association of professional real estate appraisers, with more than 25,000 members and 91 chapters throughout the world. Its mission is to advance professionalism and ethics, global standards, methodologies, and practices through the professional development of property economics worldwide. Organized in 1932, the Appraisal Institute advocates equal opportunity and nondiscrimination in the appraisal profession and conducts its activities in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws. Members of the Appraisal Institute benefit from an array of professional education and advocacy programs, and may hold the prestigious MAI, SRPA and SRA designations. Learn more at www.appraisalinstitute.org.

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