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Plantation's Jesse Vance, Jr., MAI, SRA, Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (Nov. 3, 2010) – Jesse Vance, Jr., MAI, SRA, of Plantation, Fla., was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's November "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. Vance is a member of the Appraisal Institute's South Florida Chapter.

"Jesse Vance, 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 Jesse and all our members make to our organization, to the real estate valuation profession and to the communities where they work and live."

Vance has been a member of the Appraisal Institute for more than five decades. His service to the Appraisal Institute includes serving on AI's National Board of Directors and as a member of numerous committees, including AI's Government Relations and Valuation for Financial Reporting committees. A current Region X representative, he has served the South Florida Chapter in many capacities, including as chair of its Florida State Government Relations Subcommittee and as chair of its Florida State Legislation and Regulation Subcommittee.

Vance has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for more than 50 years. His service to the profession includes long-standing involvement with federal and local government relations efforts to identify and work with lawmakers to pass appraiser independence legislation. He has been certified as a general real estate appraiser by the state of Florida and has been president of Vance Real Estate Services since 1985.

A veteran of World War II, Vance is active in his community. He is a member of the national and Fort Lauderdale Councils of the U.S. Navy League; the Greater Fort Lauderdale Opera Guild; the Florida Philharmonic Broward Trustees; the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society; the Broward County Museum of

Arts; and the Better Business Bureau of South Florida, among other organizations. A Lifetime Honorary Member of the Florida Sheriff's Association, he also has received the Appraisal Institute's prestigious Bert L. Thornton's President's Award.

Vance, 82, joined one of AI's predecessor organizations and earned his SRA designation in 1966 before earning his MAI designation in 1991.

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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