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Jasper's Dennis Key, SRA, Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (April 7, 2010) – Dennis Key, SRA, of Jasper, Ala., was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's April "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region IX.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest organization of real estate appraisers; Region IX includes Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina and Tennessee. Key is a member of the Appraisal Institute's Alabama Chapter.

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

Key has been a member of the Appraisal Institute for 20 years. His service to the Appraisal Institute includes serving as a member of AI's Leadership Development and Advisory Council, chair of the Leadership Training Project Team, chair of the Alabama Chapter Government Relations Committee, and as a member of the Region IX Nominating Committee. A former Admissions chair for the Alabama Chapter, he has also served the Alabama Chapter over the years as its President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Finance chair, during that time helping to grow the chapter's membership and increasing the number of educational offerings available to its members throughout the state.

Key has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for more than 30 years. His service to the profession includes teaching appraisal courses at Auburn University of behalf of the Alabama State Revenue Department and serving as an appraiser mentor to new appraisers in the days before state licensing. He has been certified as a general real estate appraiser by the state of Alabama and has also received his Alabama broker's license. He has been president of his own firm, Key & Company, Inc since 1979.

In his community, Key is a past president and current board member of the Walker County Board of Realtors, former member of the local Rotary Club, and remains active in local event and relief work. He is active in his church and has been a member of its Praise Band since 2005.

Key, 56, joined one of AI's predecessor organizations and earned his SRA 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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