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Lantana's John Underwood Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (July 6, 2011) – John Underwood, MAI, SRA, of Lantana, Fla., was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's July "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region X.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region X consists of Florida and Puerto Rico. Underwood is a member of the South Florida Chapter.

"John Underwood is an example of the outstanding individuals who belong to the Appraisal Institute," said Appraisal Institute President Joseph C. Magdziarz, MAI, SRA. "We're proud of the contributions John and all our members make to our organization, to the real estate valuation profession and to the communities where they work and live."

A member of the Appraisal Institute since 1973, Underwood has served the Appraisal Institute's South Florida Chapter as a member of the admissions committee and as regional representative (1991-94), in addition to participating on several committees. He has been an instructor since 1981 and has taught basic courses required for designation, currently specializing in the field of litigation courses. He has represented the Appraisal Institute at numerous speaking engagements and has authored several Appraisal Institute seminars and publications, including the seminar, "Inverse Condemnation – An Appraiser's Dilemma" (2004) and the book, "Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisition, Update" (2009).

Underwood has worked in the real estate valuation profession for 40 years. He is a certified general real estate appraiser and a licensed real estate broker in the state of Florida. He is also a member of the Jupiter-Tequesta-Hobe Sound Board of Realtors. Over the course of his career he has acted as a mentor and trainer to other appraisers in his office.

In service to his community, Underwood has been a member of the planning and zoning board of Hypoluxo, Fla., and has been involved in many community fundraising activities through his membership in the Palm Beach County Harley Owners Group.

Underwood, 62, is president of Appraisal and Acquisition Consultants in Lantana. He earned his bachelor's degree from Florida State University. He is married to Dana O. Underwood.

To learn more about the Appraisal Institute's "Volunteer of Distinction" member recognition program, go to <http://www.appraisalinstitute.org/membership/VolunteerOfDistinction.aspx>.

The Appraisal Institute is a global membership association of professional real estate appraisers, with more than 24,000 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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