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Birmingham's Ken Holcomb Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (July 6, 2011) – H. Kenneth Holcomb, MAI, of Birmingham, Ala., was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's July "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region IX.

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

"Ken Holcomb 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 Ken 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 1983, Holcomb has served the Appraisal Institute's Alabama Chapter as admissions chair (2000), president (2001) and Membership Admissions, Development and Retention Committee member (2005-06). He currently serves as chair of his chapter's Nominating Committee.

Holcomb has worked in the real estate valuation profession for 28 years. He is a state certified general real estate appraiser and a member of the International Right of Way Association. He regularly authors articles for the Alabama Appraiser, served on a panel for the Alabama Center for Real Estate at the University of Alabama and mentors several appraisers. He also serves as an expert witness for Alabama Circuit Courts, Federal Bankruptcy Court and various probate courts, and he is a commissioner for Jefferson County Probate.

In service to his community, he participates in numerous youth service projects as an officer at the local and district levels of [Optimist International](#), a an association of more than 2,900 Optimist Clubs around the world dedicated to "bringing out the best in kids," where he has received multiple awards. He generously supports the Optimist International Foundation, the nonprofit that supports the charitable work

of OI, where he served as district representative in 1995-96, and has also served as president of the Optimist Club of Birmingham in 1994-95 and 2010-11. He has served in various positions including president of the Parent Teacher Student Organization at the Alabama School of Fine Arts, where he also received an historic service award in 2003.

Holcomb, 61, is president of Commercial Valuation Services, Inc., a regional commercial real estate consulting company he co-founded in 1991, with offices in Birmingham and Atlanta. He is a graduate of Birmingham-Southern College, where he received his bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 1983, and he and his wife Helen have been married for 35 years.

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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