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Houston's Christy Jo Patton Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (Oct. 5, 2011) – Christy Jo (C.J.) Patton, MAI, was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's October "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region VIII.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region VIII consists of Texas and New Mexico. Patton is a member of the Houston Chapter.

"Christy Jo Patton 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 C.J. and all our members make to our organization, to the real estate valuation profession and to the communities where they work and live."

Patton has served on the Appraisal Institute's national Diversity Committee (2008-09), including as vice chair (2009), on the Government Relations Committee (2008), on the University Relations Project team (2008) and Leadership Development and Advisory Council (2006-08). She also has been the Houston Chapter's president (2009), vice president (2008), treasurer (2007) and secretary (2007), as well as chair of the Admissions Committee-General (2001-02), Admissions Committee-Residential (2002), Finance Committee (2007), Education Committee (2007) and Nominating Committee (2010), and as alternate regional representative (2006, 2010) and regional representative (2004-05, 2007). Patton also has been a member of the Region VIII Government Relations Committee.

In her community, Patton is a Boy Scouts den leader, Little League team mom, member of the Shriner Parent Teacher Organization and a 4th Day Emmaeus Walker. Having received her MAI designation in 2000, Patton also is a member of Commercial Real Estate Women.

She is a senior associate at Butler Burgher Group in Houston. She received her bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Texas at San Antonio. She and her husband have three children and three grandchildren.

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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