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Columbia's George Knight Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (Sept. 7, 2011) – George E. Knight, Jr., MAI, of Columbia, S.C., was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's September "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. Knight is a member of the South Carolina Chapter.

"George Knight 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 George 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 1991, Knight has attended the organization's Leadership Development Advisory Council event as a participant (2004-06), discussion leader (2007), vice chair (2008) and chair (2009). He has served on the Appraisal Institute Education Trust (2009-11), on AI's Government Relations Committee (2010-11) and is beginning a two-year term as a Region IX chapter services representative (2011-12). Knight has served the South Carolina Chapter of the Appraisal Institute as chair of the Associates Guidance Committee (2004-05), co-chair (2005-06) and chair (2007-10) of the Government Relations Committee, chapter secretary (2007), treasurer (2008), second vice president (2009), vice president (2010) and president (2011).

In the real estate valuation profession, Knight is a certified general appraiser in South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia. He is a member of the International Right of Way Association, serving on his chapter's Valuation Committee for the past seven years, including the last five as chair. He also has served on the South Carolina Real Estate Appraisers Board Internal Review Committee (2006-11).

In the community, Knight has participated in Leadership Columbia (2005) and has served on the organization's committee (2006-08), Alumni Association Board (2006-09, the last year as president) and Advisory Board (2010-11). He has belonged to the Columbia Rotary Club (2002-10) and on the board of directors of Share Our Suzy (2006-present), a local breast cancer charity founded in honor of Suzanne McGrane, who lost her life to breast cancer.

Since 2003, Knight, 46, has been owner of Real Estate Appraisers and Consultants, LLC, in Columbia. He earned his bachelor of science degree in business administration, real estate and finance from the University of South Carolina in 1987. He and his wife, Margaret A. Nevill, own two dogs, Chester and Max.

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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