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**Rock Hill's Richard F. Odom Jr. Honored
as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'**

CHICAGO (Oct. 4, 2017) – Richard F. Odom Jr., MAI, SRA, AI-GRS, of Rock Hill, South Carolina, was recognized today as an Appraisal Institute third quarter "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. Odom is a member of the South Carolina Chapter.

"Dick Odom has shown a great commitment to the Appraisal Institute," said Appraisal Institute President & Acting CEO Jim Amorin, MAI, SRA, AI-GRS. "We are proud to have volunteers like Dick who have dedicated themselves to the advancement of our organization, the valuation profession and their local communities."

Odom served as alternate regional representative of the South Carolina Chapter in 2014 and 2011; regional representative from 2000-02; ex-officio member of the Board of Directors from 1999-2002; president in 1994; officer/director from 1990-95; and a member of the Admissions Committee from 1984-1990, serving as chair from 1989-1990. He served as chair of the national Competency Model Project Team from 2001-04; and on the National Committee of Regional Chairs from 2000-02 including as region IX vice chair in 2000, region IX chair in 2001 and committee chair in 2002. He also was on the national Board of Directors from 1999-2002 including on the Executive Committee from 2001-02; on the National Nominating Committee, and the Board of Directors liaison for the Real Estate Appraiser Group Insurance Trust from 2000-01; Board of Directors liaison to the General Demonstration Reports Subcommittee in 1999, as well as 1987-89; a member of Region IX General Appraiser Board from 1996-98; and a member of the General Admissions Committee from 1993-95.

Odom joined a predecessor organization of the Appraisal Institute in 1976, received his MAI designation in 1986, his SRA designation in 1999 and his AI-GRS designation in 2014.

He has been president of Richard Odom & Associates in Rock Hill since founding the company in 1981, and has been in the valuation profession for 41 years. He received a bachelor's degree in economics from Winthrop University in Rock Hill.

Among his volunteer activities, Odom has served as a deacon and Sunday school superintendent for First Associate Reformed Presbyterian church in Rock Hill; served on and was chair of the Rock Hill HUD Commission; served on Keystone, the local alcohol and drug abuse commission, and served as its president; served local Boy Scout troops and been involved with local arts committees.

Odom is married to Jody Wilson Odom. He has two children, Sam and Salley, and a granddaughter, Emma.

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