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Longwood's Hal Katz Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (Nov. 5, 2014) – Hal B. Katz, Candidate for Designation, of Longwood, Florida, was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's November "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. Katz is a member of the East Florida Chapter.

"Hal Katz is an exceptional ambassador for the Appraisal Institute," said Appraisal Institute President Ken P. Wilson, MAI, SRA. "We're proud to be represented by individuals like Hal, who faithfully serve our organization and the real estate valuation profession, as well as their local communities."

Katz is the 2014 marketing director for the 2014 Central Florida Real Estate Forum, presented by the East Florida Chapter of the Appraisal Institute.

Katz has been vice president, real estate valuation services at SunTrust Bank in Orlando since 2010. He has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for 15 years. He holds an associate's degree from Palm Beach Community College in West Palm Beach, Florida, and a bachelor's degree from Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida. He joined the Appraisal Institute in 2007.

He volunteers with the Boy Scouts of America, Northland Community Church in Longwood, Florida, Second Harvest Food Bank in Sanford, Florida, and inter-United, a non-profit organization providing international support to impoverished areas. He has volunteered as a youth soccer coach for multiple clubs in the Orlando, Florida area.

He has been married for 25 years and has two sons.

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