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## **La Mesa's Susan Merrick Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'**

CHICAGO (Sept. 3, 2014) – Susan Merrick, SRA, of La Mesa, California, was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's September "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region VII.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region VII consists of Central California, Hawaii, Las Vegas, Phoenix, San Diego, Southern Arizona and Southern California. Merrick is a member of the San Diego Chapter.

"Susan Merrick 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 Susan, who faithfully serve our organization and the real estate valuation profession, as well as their local communities."

Merrick will be president of the San Diego Chapter in 2015, currently serves as the chapter vice president, and previously served the chapter as treasurer and Finance Committee chair in 2013 and secretary in 2012. She served as the chapter's regional representative from 2013-14. She was chair of the California Government Relations Subcommittee from 2013-14 and has been chair of the chapter Government Relations Committee since 2010. Merrick also served as associate guidance chair from 2009-12, and in 2008, was a member of the Appraisal Institute's national Leadership Development and Advisory Council.

Merrick has been a certified residential appraiser at Best Residential Appraisals in La Mesa since 2008 and has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for 12 years. She is a semi-annual contributor to the Real Estate Research Council of Southern California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, and has served as a panelist for the Women's Council of Realtors forum. She holds an associate's degree from Grossmont College. She joined the Appraisal Institute in 2002 and received her SRA designation in 2008.

She is an active caregiver for her mother. Merrick is married with three adult children and five grandchildren.

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