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**Baton Rouge's R. Wayne Pugh Honored
as Appraisal Institute 'Volunteer of Distinction'**

CHICAGO (Oct. 3, 2018) – R. Wayne Pugh, MAI, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was recognized today as an Appraisal Institute "Volunteer of Distinction" for third quarter 2018.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers. Pugh is a member of the Louisiana Chapter.

The Appraisal Institute's Volunteer of Distinction program honors the organization's volunteers for their service to the Appraisal Institute, to the real estate valuation profession and to their local communities. Each quarter, the Appraisal Institute recognizes AI professionals who have been nominated by their fellow AI professionals.

"Wayne Pugh has been a great contributor to the Appraisal Institute," said Appraisal Institute President James L. Murrett, MAI, SRA. "We are grateful for the time, effort and talent of volunteers like Wayne who have devoted themselves to the betterment of our organization, the valuation profession and their local communities."

Pugh has been chair of the Education Committee since 2016, and has been alternate regional representative since 2017 for the Louisiana Chapter. He previously served as a member of the Government Relations Committee in 2015, and as president in 1993. He served on the Appraisal Institute Education Trust from 2010-16, including as vice chair in 2016. He previously served as national immediate past president and chair of the Nominating Committee in 2009, president in 2008, president-elect in 2007, vice president and chair of the Finance Committee in 2006, Region IX vice chair, Finance Committee vice chair and a member of the ADQ Resource Panel in 2005. In 2004, he was the Region IX director on the Board of Directors, member of the CARS Project Team, member of the Site to Do Business Trainers Project Team, member of the Future Meetings Project Team, co-chair of the Seattle Conference Education Project Team, chair of the Member Profile Task Force and a member of the Finance Committee. He served on the Toronto General Ed Project Team and on the Residential Data Storage Standards Project Team from 2003-04, as chair of the Technology Subcommittee from 2002-04, Board liaison in 2001 and vice chair in 2000. He also was a member of the Database and Directory Project Team in 2003. He held numerous other national and chapter roles from 1979-2002.

Pugh joined a predecessor organization of the Appraisal Institute in 1976, and received his MAI designation in 2004. He also has served as chair of the Louisiana Real Estate Appraisers Board.

He has been CEO of R. Wayne Pugh and Company in Baton Rouge since 1975. He also is CEO of Software for Real Estate Professionals in Baton Rouge, and a principal member of Real Estate Counseling Group of America. He received a bachelor's degree in the curriculum of finance with a real estate specialization from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

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