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Spartanburg's Ralph Griffin Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (Aug. 7, 2013) – M. Ralph Griffin, Jr., MAI, of Spartanburg, S.C., was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's August "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. Griffin is a member of the South Carolina Chapter.

"Ralph Griffin is an outstanding representative for the Appraisal Institute," said Appraisal Institute President Richard L. Borges II, MAI, SRA. "We're proud to have individuals like Ralph who continuously strive to advance the valuation profession while also serving their local communities."

Griffin served on the Appraisal Institute Board of Directors from 2001-2012. He was Member Benefits Panel chair and Strategic Planning Committee vice chair from 2011-2012. He was South Carolina Chapter president in 1998, vice president in 1997, second vice president in 1996 and treasurer in 1995. He has also served on a variety of national and chapter of committees. He is an Appraisal Institute instructor and a Candidate for Designation advisor. He joined the Appraisal Institute in 1972 and received his MAI designation in 1985.

Griffin has been president of Marion R. Griffin & Co., in Spartanburg, since 1986, and has been with the company since 1972. He has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for 40 years. He holds a bachelor's degree in building science and a master's degree in management from Clemson University in Clemson, S.C.

He was president of the Clemson University Real Estate Foundation for six years and was instrumental in developing the Real Estate Foundation's Automotive Research Park in Greenville S.C.

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