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## **Bakersfield's Gary Crabtree Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'**

CHICAGO (Feb. 5, 2014) – Gary T. Crabtree, SRA, of Bakersfield, Calif., was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's February "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region VII.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region VII consists of Arizona, Hawaii, southern California and southern Nevada. Crabtree is a member of the Central California Chapter.

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

Crabtree served on the Appraisal Institute's Government Relations Committee from 2010-13, and was Central California Chapter Government Relations chair in 2010. He was Central California Chapter Associate Guidance chair and Admissions chair in 2004. He served on the national Board of Directors from 2001-03. He was Bakersfield Chapter president from 1999-2000, and was the Bakersfield Chapter Education chair from 1996-97. He has also served on a variety of committees at the chapter and national level.

Crabtree has been owner of Affiliated Appraisers in Bakersfield, since 1975. He has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for more than 50 years. He attended Bakersfield College and the University of Washington in Seattle. He joined the Appraisal Institute in 1991 and received his SRA designation in 1994.

He served on the Board of Directors of the Golden Empire Listing Service. He has worked directly with state regulators, the local district attorney and the FBI in documenting mortgage fraud and given presentations on the subject at the national level.

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