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Fort Lauderdale's Walter Duke Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (Jan. 8, 2014) – Walter B. Duke III, MAI, SRA, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's January "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, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Duke is a member of the South Florida Chapter.

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

Duke served as regional representative for the South Florida Chapter from 2002-2008 and 1995-1996. He was South Florida Chapter president in 2000, vice president in 1999, secretary in 1998 and treasurer in 1997.

Duke has been president and sole shareholder at Clobus, McLemore & Duke, Inc., in Fort Lauderdale since 1985. He has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for 28 years. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida in Gainesville. He joined the Appraisal Institute in 1988, and he received his SRA designation in 1988 and his MAI designation in 1990.

He is currently serving his second term as mayor of Dania Beach, Florida and also serves as the chairman of the Dania Beach Community Redevelopment Agency. He was recently given the Compassion Award by the Jubilee Center for his advocacy of homeless issues, and he is active in local organizations including Broward Housing Solutions, Dan Marino Foundation for Autism, Women in Distress, Habitat for Humanity, Humane Society of Broward County, American Cancer Society and Lions Club, among others.

He is married with three children.

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