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## **Hammond's Joseph Mier Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'**

CHICAGO (Jan. 8, 2014) – Joseph A. Mier, SRA, of Hammond, La., was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's January "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. Mier is a member of the Louisiana Chapter.

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

Mier is vice president of the Louisiana Chapter. He served as Louisiana Chapter secretary in 2013 and treasurer in 2012.

Mier has been chief appraiser at Joseph Mier & Associates in Hammond since 1999 and has been with the company since 1998. He has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for 20 years. He joined the Appraisal Institute in 2001 and received his SRA designation in 2009.

He is chairman of the Tangipahoa Home Builders Association, a Board member of the Tangipahoa Council on Aging, and is an active member of the Eagle Heights Community Church. He is past president of the Hammond Rotary Club and past chairman of the Children's Discovery Center.

He is married with three children and six grandchildren.

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