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Oceanside's Thomas O. Gillgren Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (May 9, 2012) – Thomas O. Gillgren, SRA, of Oceanside, Calif., was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's May "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. Gillgren is a member of the San Diego Chapter.

"Tom Gillgren is an excellent ambassador for the Appraisal Institute," said Appraisal Institute President Sara W. Stephens, MAI. "We're privileged to have members like Tom who actively contribute to the real estate valuation profession and to their local communities every day."

Gillgren serves as the Nominating Committee chair of the San Diego Chapter. He was president of the San Diego Chapter in 2011; vice president and regional representative in 2010; treasurer, Finance Committee chair and alternate regional representative in 2009; secretary in 2008; and served on the Membership Admissions, Development and Retention Committee in 2006. Gillgren also was a member of the Appraisal Institute's Leadership Development and Advisory Council from 2009-2010. He became a member of the Appraisal Institute in 1987 and received his SRA designation in 1993.

He is founder and president of The Gillgren Group in Oceanside, Calif., and has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for 25 years.

Gillgren has been involved with the American Cancer Society since the late 1970s, having lost multiple family members to the disease, and participates in its Relay for Life event. He also participates in the Make-A-Wish fishing tournament and the San Diego Anglers fishing tournament for disadvantaged youth.

He earned a bachelor's degree in finance from Old Dominion University in Virginia.

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