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Carrollton's Hugh B. Bass Sr. Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (Feb.8, 2012) – Hugh B. Bass Sr., MAI, of Carrollton, Ga., was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's February "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. Bass is a member of the Atlanta Area Chapter.

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

He served as regional representative for the Atlanta Area Chapter from 2009-2010, on the Appraisal Institute's Chapter Leadership Program Committee since 2009, as chapter president in 2006, vice president in 2005, regional representative in 2005, secretary in 2004, treasurer and Finance Committee chair in 2003, participated in the Appraisal Institute's Leadership Development & Advisory Council from 2003-2004, as chapter Government Relations Committee chair in 2002, Public Relations Committee chair in 2001, director from 2001-2002 and multiple years as regional director. He became a member of the Appraisal Institute in 1992 and earned his MAI designation that same year.

He has spoken to local civic clubs about the real estate market and appraisal profession and to real estate classes at the University of West Georgia.

He has been owner of Bass & Associates in Carrollton, Ga., since 1985 and has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for 37 years.

In his community, Bass serves on the board of the University of West Georgia Richards College of Business. He has been president of the Carrollton Jaycees, a member of the Carrollton Rotary Club, organizer and first president of the Carroll County Multiple Listing Service, organizer and first president of the Tri-Counties West Board of Realtors (now West Metro Board of Realtors), two-term director of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce and a board member of the Carroll City/County Hospital Authority and Tanner Health Services.

He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from West Georgia College (now University of West Georgia). He has been married to Debra Bass for 38 years; they have three children and three grandchildren.

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