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Daytona Local, Shelley Stewart, Installed as 44th Second Vice President of the Florida Home Builders Association

For Immediate Release:

The Florida Home Builders Association (FHBA) installed Shelley Stewart as its 44th Second Vice President on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017, during the FHBA Fall Leadership Conference at the Sawgrass Marriott Golf and Spa Resort in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. Stewart is President of Southern Title in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Stewart embarked on her career in the title market in high school as an errand runner for a local Daytona Beach company. After earning her license as a Title Agent and Certified Land Closer, she went into business with two partners in 1995, establishing Southern Title Holding Company, and in just 11 short years she had over 20 offices.

A member of the Volusia Building Industry Association (VBIA), FHBA, and National Association of Home Builders, she has served all three as a leader in councils, committees, and board roles. Her leadership within FHBA can be found in her service as Chair of the 2016 Membership Committee, successfully securing Florida as the third largest Home Builders Association in the nation, and this past year as Third Vice President.

Her dedication to home building is evident by her continuous leadership and participation at Florida's Capitol. In 2008, Stewart was one of three agents appointed by then Lt. Governor Jeff Kottkamp to serve on the Title Insurance Study Advisory Council, created to conduct a comprehensive examination of Florida's title insurance system and to make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature on the best course of action regarding title insurance for both consumers and the industry. Most recently, Stewart testified on behalf of home builders and realtors to pass a bill that caps estoppel certificate fees, completing a multi-year effort to reign in unreasonable charges to consumers.

"Shelley knows what it takes to make home building successful in this precarious economic environment – relationships," says Rusty Payton, FHBA CEO and Chief Lobbyist. "She is a true leader; passionate about our industry and dedicated to the future of its success. We are proud to have her serve as FHBA's next Second Vice President."

Other FHBA Officers are: President, Gregory E. Matovina; First Vice President, Bill Truex; Secretary, Michael Bourre'; Third Vice President, Rick Ilmberger; Immediate Past President Jeremy Stewart; and Immediate Past Second Vice President George Cooper.

Established in 1949, the Florida Home Builders Association is affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and Florida's local/regional homebuilder associations. FHBA, along with its affiliates, work to create the best possible economic and regulatory environment for members to succeed.

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