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Three Inducted Into Florida Housing Hall of Fame, Florida Home Builders Association

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The Florida Home Builders Association (FHBA) announces its 2018 Florida Housing Hall of Fame inductees, a recognition awarded by over 8,000 FHBA members across the state. Selected by the FHBA Florida Housing Hall of Fame Board of Governors, this honor is given to men and women who have made significant and lasting contributions to housing in Florida, the building industry, and the FHBA.

The recognition, which is a respected tradition for twenty-six years, will be presented to three distinctive members on Saturday, October 6, 2018, during the FHBA Fall Leadership Conference at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa in Bonita Springs, Florida.

Richard Browdy

Building homes for over 40 years, Richard Browdy has significantly contributed to the landscape of Northeast Florida. A consensus builder, true gentleman, and a staunch advocate for the home building industry, he has devoted time, resources and expertise to the construction industry through his dedication to the development of codes and standards. He has served with distinction on the Florida Building Commission for 30 years, being appointed by five Governors and serving as Chair from 2011 to 2017.

Mike Hickman

A highly successful home builder, Mike Hickman has spent his 30 year career advocating for affordable housing and the American dream of home ownership. His influence on policies such as radon, water and septic tanks are still felt today. He is a former President of the FHBA and the Polk County BA and a founding member of the Future Builders of America promoting construction educational activities for youth pursuing rewarding careers in construction. This program has impacted over ten thousand students.

Al Zichella

Serving the construction and development industry throughout the United States and Canada, Al Zichella's building experience spans all sectors of the industry including office complexes, resorts, residential communities, high-rise condominiums and mixed use developments. Serving as President of FHBA during the recession, his commitment, executive experience, street smarts, passion for excellence and service are the trademarks for how he led the FHBA back to its current success.

"Each of these individuals positively impacted not only the Association, but its individual members, the home building industry as a whole, and Florida consumers," said Rusty Payton, FHBA CEO/Chief Lobbyist. "We are proud to recognize these amazing individuals for their exceptional career accomplishments."

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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