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

For Immediate Release:

The Florida Home Builders Association (FHBA) announces its 2017 Florida Housing Hall of Fame inductees, a recognition awarded by over 7,900 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 21, 2017, during the FHBA Fall Leadership Conference at the Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

Bill Paul

For more than 30 years as a builder, developer, and owner of Woodland Group, Inc., Bill Paul's greatest dedication to the building industry is his leadership and direct involvement in securing the future of the workforce. Paul, while managing a successful career, volunteers and supports funding for the Home Builders Institute (HBI) and its programs, an organization dedicated to the education, career development, training and placement of those serving the building industry; takes active roles in working with community planning and regulatory offices to create builder-friendly environments; and champions student training based on industry standards. Through his leadership, Paul has helped inspire and educate the next generation of housing industry professionals.

Mike Rahn

As a Residential Mortgage Lender for over 28 years, Mike Rahn has assisted hundreds of families obtain the American Dream of home ownership, while tirelessly advocating for the home building industry. Throughout his career, and in honor of his Marine service, Rahn has seamlessly upheld the relationship between the home builder and buyer as evident in his assistance with county programs to help veterans with housing issues, establishing Florida Veteran Affairs Lending policies for new home construction mortgages for veterans, and most recently as an advisor to the Lee Wetherington Foundation to provide housing to homeless veterans and homeless veteran families.

Len Tylka

For over 20 years, Len Tylka, President of LTL Builders, Inc., has served to ensure the welfare of Florida's residents and builders through his staunch advocacy of industry standards. His engineering and building expertise was most widely appreciated from his appointment by Gov. Lawton Chiles to the Governor's Building Code Study Commission in response to the devastation of Hurricane Andrew, leading to the adoption of the uniform Florida Building Code. Tylka's activism continued in his appointment by Gov. Charlie Christ to the Florida Housing Finance Authority Board of Directors, whose purpose is to create and facilitate financing opportunities for affordable housing in Florida. Most recently, Tylka works with the Autism Project of Palm Beach County in providing his engineering and contracting pro bono services to assist in navigating local code ordinances to convert an office building into a school for Autistic children.

"With such high regards from their colleagues, our 2017 inductees are true examples of what it takes to be inducted into the Florida Housing Hall of Fame" said Rusty Payton, FHBA

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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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