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Home Builders Honor Premier Builder of the Year

Members of the Hilton Head Area Home Builders Association (HBA) joined together Friday, November 11, 2016 at the Sonesta Resort Hilton Head Island for the seventeenth Annual LightHouse Awards Gala where they continued their tradition of honoring the area's top Builders for their quality craftsmanship and design excellence. Another tradition honored by the HBA was the announcement of the 2016 Premier Builder of the Year.

First introduced to the members in 2012, The Premier Builder Program recognizes builders who look first to fellow Home Builders Association members when building or remodeling a home. Builders must apply to the program and provide a listing of all subcontractors, suppliers and industry professionals who have contributed to their projects over a year's time. To be approved, 80 percent must be members of the Hilton Head Area Home Builders Association. In addition, the builder must attend at least one Home Builders Association event or meeting per quarter, actively recruit at least two new members to the association each year, and complete at least six hours of industry-related continuing education.

Seven HBA builder members currently hold the designation of Premier Builder for the 2016 calendar year including, Allen Patterson of Allen Patterson Residential, LLC, Ben Kennedy of Brighton Builders, LLC; Brian Esposito of Esposito Construction, Inc., Matt Bader of Full Circle Development, Randy Jeffcoat of Randy Jeffcoat Builders, Inc., Ron & Patricia Strimpfel of Reclamation By Design, Ltd and Richard Creamer of Reminiscent Homes, LLC.

Recently added to the annual LightHouse Awards Program, the HBA's Premier Builder of the Year is presented to one Premier Builder Program participant who not only meets the program requirements, but takes, "doing business with a member" to a whole other level. It was with great pleasure and appreciation the 2016 Premier Builder of the Year Award was presented to Brian Esposito of Esposito Construction, Inc.

Brian Esposito has been an active member of the HBA since 2008, serving multiple terms as a officer of the Board of Directors. In 2015, Brian Esposito served as the organization's president. Brian has made it his mission to live up to the commitment of being an HBA Premier Builder, striving to solely utilize HBA members on all of his projects, even when it means taking business away from veteran subs. He actively advocates, participates, mentors and supports all aspects

of the Association; assisting in preserving the integrity of the program. Brian is currently the Immediate Past President on the 2016 HBA Board of Directors and will no doubt continue to strengthen the building industry and our HBA community for years to come.

About the Hilton Head Area Home Builders Association:

Chartered in 1965 under the leadership of the late Joseph Fraser, Jr., the Hilton Head Area Home Builders Association is a not-for-profit professional trade association of business professionals that represent, promote and support excellence in the home building industry through education, community service and environmental stewardship. The organization is made up of more than 450 member companies, representing residential and light commercial builders, subcontractors, suppliers and many other service professionals to the building industry throughout Beaufort, Jasper, and Hampton Counties. The association also administers the Hilton Head Home Builders Education Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization formed to support and raise funds for deserving local high school graduates seeking further educational or technical advancement.

The Hilton Head Area Home Builders Association is affiliated with the Home Builders Association of South Carolina and the National Association of Home Builders.

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