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Jacksonville, Fort Myers Builders Win Top Honor To Be Inducted Into Florida Housing Hall of Fame

TALLAHASSEE – Two distinguished Past Presidents of the Florida Home Builders Association – Ron Coppenbarger of Jacksonville and Richard Durling of Fort Myers – will be inducted into the Florida Housing of Fame this week, October 4, 2008, during FHBA’s Annual Fall Conference at the J.W. Marriott Hotel in Orlando.

Coppenbarger and Durling become the 52nd and 53rd members of the Hall of Fame, which honors individuals who have made significant, lasting contributions to the Florida home building industry.

RON COPPENBARGER: Over a 20-year home building career as owner of Coppenbarger Homes, Coppenbarger has modeled integrity, achievement and excellence. As President of Northeast Florida BA, he worked with local governments to reduce regulations and streamline the building permit and inspection processes.

Statewide, he led initiatives that saved builders and housing thousands of dollars through reduced title insurance premiums and lower workers’ comp rates. As President of FHBA, he used aggressive public relations efforts to tell the industry’s story and he worked through the community college system to train hundreds of future workers.

His “Schools for Children” campaign employed 2-by-4 messages to urge legislators to rely on broad-based funding sources – not impact fees – to build schools and other vital infrastructure.

RICHARD DURLING: Durling is one of the most dedicated, persistent and relentless advocates for affordable housing in Florida. His bold efforts to bring about positive changes in building codes and the safe and efficient use of onsite wastewater facilities combined with his opposition to excessive impact fees to earn him a well-deserved reputation as a fighter for the industry.

As President of the Lee BIA and FHBA, he made affordable housing a local and statewide priority while fighting to keep arbitrary regulations, excessive fees and government restrictions in check.

Durling maintained the highest levels of professionalism and performance as the President of Marvin Development Corporation, providing the American Dream to thousands of homeowners in Southwest Florida.

For more information on the Florida Housing Hall of Fame, visit www.fhba.com.



