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Home Builders Honor Founding Father *UL Scholarship Renamed for Harry Hebert*

(Lafayette, LA) - The Acadian Home Builders Association (AHBA) is proud to announce the renaming of its long-standing endowed scholarship fund in honor of one of the association's founding fathers, John Harry Hebert.

Each year, AHBA awards thousands of dollars to University of Louisiana at Lafayette students studying Construction Technology in the School of Engineering's Department of Industrial Technology. Now, the funds will be distributed in the name of Hebert in remembrance of his 50 years of dedication to the association and the home building industry.

John Harry Hebert passed away in Lafayette on Thursday, April 22nd, 2010 after a battle with cancer. He was a lifelong home builder, general contractor, developer and driving force in the shelter industry in Acadiana since the early 1950s. In 1948, he started his first construction company, Harry Hebert Homes, developed some of the best known subdivisions in Lafayette and built nearly 3,000 single-family homes as well as numerous commercial buildings.

Hebert was a founder and charter member of the Acadian Home Builders Association which will celebrate its 50th anniversary later this year. He served as president of the association five times, held every officer position on the board of directors and served on every standing committee. He was responsible for implementing the first home show for AHBA. Now called "AHBA's Home, Garden & Lifestyle Show", it is the largest locally-sponsored event of its kind in Acadiana.

In addition to his service locally, Harry Hebert was also a charter member of the HomeBuilders Self-Insurers Fund and served as a trustee for many years. He served on the boards of directors for both the Louisiana Home Builders Association (LHBA) and the National Home Builders Association (NAHB). He was president of LHBA in 1967, and in 1969 functioned as Louisiana's representative and area vice president to NAHB. In later years, he was inducted into the Louisiana Home Builders' Hall of Fame.

The Acadian Home Builders Association gives its sincere thanks to Mr. Harry Hebert for his commitment to the home building industry in Acadiana and on the state and national levels. The association is honored to rename its endowed scholarship in his memory.

Contributions may be made to The Harry Hebert Memorial Scholarship fund in the following ways:

- Call the UL Foundation with your credit card information at (337) 482-0700 and say you would like to donate to the Harry Hebert Memorial Scholarship.
- Mail a check to UL Foundation, 705 E. St. Mary Boulevard, Lafayette, LA 70503. Be sure to write "Harry Hebert Memorial Scholarship" in your check's memo section.
- Make a donation online with a credit card at www.ullafayettefoundation.org. Select "UL Lafayette Endowments". In the designation box, type "Harry Hebert Memorial Scholarship".

When making a donation, please remember to specify that the money is for The Harry Hebert Memorial Scholarship. Otherwise, it will go into the UL Foundation's general scholarship fund. Thank you for your contributions.

About Acadian Home Builders Association

The Acadian Home Builders Association is an organization of licensed builders and associates formed to promote professionalism and ethical business practices in providing quality housing that creates value for the homeowner and community. As a trade association for Acadiana's residential builders, AHBA provides its members with legislative lobbying, continuing education, networking opportunities, special events, and workman's compensation insurance. The Acadian Home Builders Association seeks to develop a partnership with the public sector to achieve common goals and donates hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to non-profit shelter organizations in the Acadiana region.

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