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**Richardson Housing Group President Named to Executive Board by  
Governor**

*Allen Richardson Appointed to State Licensing Board for Residential and General Contractors*

(Lawrenceville)— Allen M. Richardson, founder and president of Richardson Housing Group was recently appointed by Governor Sonny Perdue to the Georgia state licensing board for residential and general contractors.

The board was created in the 2005 legislative session by Senate Bill 124. The bill mandates that the board establish licensing requirements and other rules governing the practice of residential and general contracting based on the law. The board was established July 1.

Richardson is among 14 other members from around the state appointed by the governor for a five-year term to the licensing board for residential and general contractors.



Richardson, 54, is the founder and president of Richardson Housing Group and chairman of the board of Builders Insurance. He is a life director of the National Home Builders Association, the past president of the Home Builders Association of Georgia, the past president of the Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association and a board member and past president of the Council for Quality Growth. In 1998, he was inducted into the State of Georgia Homebuilders Hall of Fame. In 2004, he was honored as the Gwinnett County Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Person of the Year and is also a two-time recipient of the Gwinnett County Builder of the Year award. He and his wife, Ann, have two children.

"It is a great honor to be appointed to this much-needed board by Governor Perdue," said Richardson. "I look forward to working with the other members on the state licensing board to effect changes related to regulating licensing practices for residential contractors in the state of Georgia."

Richardson and the other board members will help regulate the state's licensure of both residential and general contractors. The board members are separated into two divisions - residential contractors and general contractors - consisting of seven members each.

The residential contractors division is comprised of - in addition to Richardson - Bob Barnard, Barnard & Associates, Fayetteville; Steve Cash, Henry County Council on Quality Growth, Stockbridge; Mark Herbert, Herbert Homes, Inc., Evans; Philip Thayer, J.P. Thayer Company, Columbus; Melissa Henderson, public building official member, Watkinsville; and Guy Middleton, public member, Dahlonega. The general contractors division includes Timothy Ansley, Ansley-Sheppard-Burgess Co., Savannah; David Cyr, Parrish Construction Group, Perry; Tommy Holder, Holder Construction Co., Atlanta; Hoppy Hopkins, Reddick Construction Co., Inc., Thomaston; Roger Huggins, Rogers Construction Co., Snellville; Daniel Cash, Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, Inc. (HOK), Atlanta; and Morgan Wheeler, public building official member, Stone Mountain.

More information regarding the state licensing board for residential and general contractors may be found at

[www.legis.state.ga.us/legis/2005\\_06/fulltext/sb124.htm](http://www.legis.state.ga.us/legis/2005_06/fulltext/sb124.htm).

For more information on Allen Richardson or the Richardson Housing Group, contact 770-963-0359, ext. 323 or visit [www.rhghomes.com](http://www.rhghomes.com).

#### *About Richardson Housing Group*

*The family-owned and operated Richardson Housing Group has been serving homebuyers in north metro Atlanta and Gwinnett County for three decades. Since 1973 the company has built more than 2,800 homes.*

*Allen Richardson is founder and president of Richardson Housing Group.*



*Allen's wife, Ann, serves as a vice president at Richardson Housing Group, overseeing the company's design center. Their son, Mark, grew up in the business and serves as vice president of development, focusing on land acquisition and project management. Their son-in-law, Jason West, serves the Richardson team as vice president of marketing, working with homebuyers, real estate agents and suppliers to enhance the company's image.*

*Richardson Housing Group was honored this year as a 2005 finalist for the Georgia Family Business of the Year, an award of the Cox Family Enterprise Center which recognizes family-owned enterprises for business and family success.*