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**NEW AMERICAN HOME FURNISHINGS HALL OF FAME GALLERY SPOTLIGHTS INDUSTRY LEADERS
MAKING AN IMPACT ACROSS THE GENERATIONS**

HIGH POINT, N.C., April 21, 2023 — Leaders representing the home furnishings industry’s storied past, present and future will be honored in a special gallery at the new American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame building opening April 22 in High Point.

Located on the first floor near the center of the building, the Hall of Fame Gallery features four major displays focusing on leadership, including the Rooms To Go Wall of Fame, Raymour & Flanigan Tribute Wall, Nourison Wall of Honor and the Tribute to Emerging Leaders display. These exhibits will be a highlight in the new building, and their content will be constantly refreshed to keep current with the latest developments in the industry.

“Our organization – the American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame – was created in 1988 by 45 visionary leaders of the industry to preserve our history, to honor our leaders and to inspire future generations,” says Karen McNeill, CEO and president of the Board of Directors. “With the opening of our new building, we have created a Hall of Fame Gallery worthy of our \$150 billion industry, where we can gather to celebrate our achievements, honor the titans of our industry and share innovative ideas for moving our industry, and communities, forward to even higher levels in the future.”

The four main exhibits that compose the Hall of Fame Gallery include:

- **Rooms to Go Wall of Fame:** The Hall of Fame honors the 131 leaders who have received the industry’s highest honor – induction into the American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame. Each year, three to five individuals whose leadership, outstanding achievements and creativity have contributed to the innovation and development of the U.S. home furnishings industry are inducted into the Hall. The world-class, industry-wide celebration is held during the High Point Market, starting with the Pinning Ceremony when Hall of Fame members present a gold, black enamel and diamond lapel pin to the new inductees.

Visitors will learn about the Enduring Excellence, Superior Accomplishments, Innovation and Creativity and Philanthropic Heart of each inductee, says Jeff Seaman, CEO of Rooms To Go. “These rich legacies will be captured and celebrated in the Hall.”

The Gallery includes multiple Hooker Furnishings Deep Dive kiosks, which enable visitors to search and discover more about the inductees and encourage them to better understand the impacts made by each inductee during their lifelong careers.

- **Raymour & Flannigan Tribute Wall:** Facing the Wall of Fame, the Tribute Wall features a high-tech video screen that will highlight some of the most outstanding stories that have impacted the home furnishings industry. A thrilling interactive experience, The Tribute Wall will explore the rich legacies and inspiring stories of the industry's leaders in a walk with them through their challenges, achievements and contributions. The display will celebrate leadership through the use of documentaries, videos, photography and oral histories.

“As we transition to the third generation of leaders, we are even more mindful of what this industry has given to us as a family, and of the significance of providing for the growth and development of future leaders,” says Neil Goldberg, CEO and chairman of Raymour & Flannigan Furniture in Liverpool, N.Y., about his company's support of the Wall.

- **Nourison Wall of Honors:** Located adjacent to the Hall of Fame Gallery, the Wall of Honors recognizes the many leaders throughout the industry that are honored each year. Here, a series of plaques will highlight key award winners that have been honored by associations, charitable organizations and other key groups for their efforts on behalf of the industry and their communities. They include awards presented by the American Home Furnishings Alliance, Home Furnishings Association, International Sleep Products Association, International Society of Furniture Designers, International Home Furnishings Representatives Association, Women in the Home Industries Today (WithIt), Sustainability Furnishings Council, City of Hope, Anti-Defamation League and others.
- **Tribute to Emerging Leaders:** Near the Tribute Wall, the Tribute to Emerging Leaders shines a light on the up-and-coming young talent making an impact on the home furnishings industry, such as the Paul Broyhill Future Leader honorees and the attendees of the annual Hall of Fame Home Furnishings Leadership Institute at High Point University.

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The American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc., is an industry-wide organization founded to preserve its history, to celebrate exceptional individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the U.S. home furnishings industry, to inspire the next generation of innovative leaders and to engage the community with the world of home furnishings. In 2019, the organization purchased a building at 311 S. Hamilton St. in High Point. Our new home will be a symbol of the Home Furnishings Capital of the World™ where the industry gathers, where we tell our story and learn from our past, and where we inspire future generations. As a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, funds support our history and leadership programming. The organization is based in High Point, North Carolina, at 311 S. Hamilton St., and can be reached at 336.882.5900. Watch for ongoing developments and details about the grand opening of our new permanent home at www.homefurnishingshalloffame.com in April 2023.

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