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**THE AMERICAN HOME FURNISHINGS HALL OF FAME FOUNDATION
MOVES INDUCTION CELEBRATION TO SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021**

HIGH POINT, N.C., March 3, 2021 — The American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc. will move the Induction Celebration back to Sunday, October 17 at the Sheraton Greensboro Four Seasons.

“It does not appear that we will be able to hold a large gathering in June, as we had hoped, so we are pivoting yet once again,” says Caroline Hipple, president of the Foundation board of directors. “The Board voted to postpone the banquet in an abundance of caution as members of our industry from across the country continue to receive their vaccinations and return to traveling and gathering.

“The added planning time is being well used to create an evening worthy of celebration for our five inductees, their families and their peers. Of course, safety is our top priority, followed by a gracious evening of inspiration and reconnecting with industry friends, many of whom we haven’t seen for more than a year. Seeing one another will indeed make it an even more special evening,” she says.

The postponement of the induction to October also means that a new slate of inductees will not be selected in 2021. All nominations that have been submitted will automatically be saved for 2022.

Joining the current 120 members of the Hall of Fame are **Irv Blumkin**, CEO, Nebraska Furniture Mart; **Robert G. Culp III**, co-founder, former chairman and CEO, Culp, Inc.; **Robert J. Maricich**, chairman and CEO, International Market Centers; **Allan H. Palecek**, chairman and founder, PALECEK; and **Todd Wanek**, CEO and President, Ashley Furniture Industries, Inc.

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