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INTERIOR DESIGNERS AND TV PERSONALITIES HILLARY FARR AND BRIAN PATRICK FLYNN TO HOST THE AMERICAN HOME FURNISHINGS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CELEBRATION

HIGH POINT, N.C., April 27, 2021 – Interior designers, entrepreneurs and television personalities Hilary Farr and Brian Patrick Flynn will host the American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame Foundation Induction Celebration on October 17 during the High Point Market. Farr is the co-host of the long-running HGTV show Love It or List It and will star in her own show Tough Love with Hilary Farr debuting in the fall of 2021. Since 2015, Flynn has been the designer and co-host of two HGTV home giveaway series, HGTV Dream Home and HGTV Urban Oasis and currently stars in his own original series, Mind For Design with the Magnolia Network.

"Hilary and Brian will bring their marvelous talent and a special joie de vivre to our celebration as we are finally able to come together and honor our new inductees, whose contributions have made a unique and lasting impact on the home furnishings industry," says Caroline Hipple, president of the Foundation board of directors and president of Norwalk Furniture. "We are looking forward to an inspiring, delightful and safe evening celebrating these five industry giants and their families, as well as catching up with friends and colleagues after a challenging time apart."

Born in Toronto and raised in London, Farr also has acted on stage and screen. She founded her design/build firm, Hilary Farr Design in Toronto in 1994, which led to a staging company and clients who were drawn to her British Chic aesthetic. During her 13 years with *Love It or List It*, she has completed 220 renovations and met the challenges of a myriad of families. Farr's extensive travels and love of art and nature have inspired collections for Covington Fabrics and Kaleen Rugs with motifs ranging from elephants, birds, beetles, bees and florals to geometrics and abstracts inspired by Icelandic glaciers.

Flynn is an American interior designer as well as a production designer for TV, film and print, based in Atlanta and Reykjavík, Iceland. Known for his approachable vibe, his spaces have been called unexpected, warm and extremely personal. His residential interior design work has been featured in or on the cover of House Beautiful, Country Living, Traditional Home, New York Cottages & Gardens, Domino, Southern Living, California Home + Design, The New York Times, and Atlanta Homes & Lifestyles.

John Mackey, co-founder and CEO of Whole Foods Market, will be the keynote speaker for the event, which will be held at the Sheraton Greensboro Four Seasons.

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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