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**AMERICAN HOME FURNISHINGS HALL OF FAME FOUNDATION
ELECTS GAT CAPERTON TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

HIGH POINT, N.C., May 13, 2020 — The American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc. has elected Gat Caperton to its Board of Directors. Caperton is CEO of Gat Creek, an award-winning manufacturer of solid-wood home furniture that employs over 150 artisans in Berkeley Springs, W.V. The company sells its branded products through more than 200 independent retail stores and does proprietary manufacturing for several national retailers.

“Gat brings an abundance of knowledge and leadership, as well as an admirable commitment to service to the Hall of Fame board,” says Martin Ploy, president of the Foundation Board of Directors, and president of AICO/Amini Innovation Corp. “Gat’s innovative spirit and enthusiasm will be assets to our industry’s most diverse board, which includes retailers and manufacturers of furniture, home accents, bedding and fabrics as well as industry service providers.”

Caperton, who acquired the 50-year-old company, originally Tom Seely Furniture, in 1996 from its founder, made an early and steadfast commitment to lean manufacturing and environmental sustainability. He is the immediate past chair of the American Home Furnishings Alliance Board of Directors and vice chair of the Shepherd University Board of Governors. He helped found and serves as treasurer on the board of the Sustainable Furnishings Council, and is the designated consumer member on the Board of Directors of the Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers, Inc. Caperton recently completed a four-year chairmanship of the Board of Directors of the Natural Capital Investment Fund, a \$45 million fund that provides flexible financing to small and emerging natural resource-based businesses primarily located in the Appalachian region.

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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, and to inspire a new class of innovation and leadership. Membership includes eligibility to nominate candidates for consideration by the Selection Committee, and the opportunity to help preserve the history and heritage of the industry. As a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, 92 percent of all funds support our history and leadership programming. The organization currently is based in High Point, North Carolina, at 202 Neal Place, Suite 101, and can be reached at 336.882.5900.

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