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## PATHWAYS OF HONOR BRICKS PROVIDE CHANCE TO SALUTE COLLEAGUES AND MENTORS IN COURTYARD OF NEW AMERICAN HOME FURNISHINGS HALL OF FAME BUILDING

**HIGH POINT, N.C., April 10, 2024** — With the new Eternal Flame sculpture at the American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame fully installed and set for a lighting ceremony on April 12, now is the ideal time to honor someone with a commemorative brick in the Pathways of Honor that surround the unique High Point landmark. Each brick is etched with a custom message.

The Pathways of Honor is formed by bricks etched with a custom message on the walkways surrounding the Wanek Family and Ashley Furniture Inds. Eternal Flame. By buying a brick or two, families, friends and companies will help welcome guests to the commanding entrance of the industry's new home, destined to be a popular backdrop for selfies sent around the world. The cost is \$1,000 per inscribed brick.

"Placing a permanent commemorative brick in the Pathways of Honor is the ideal way to publicly honor those special people and companies in your life who impacted you in untold ways," says Karen McNeill, CEO and chairman of the Hall of Fame Board of Directors. "It is a chance to visibly acknowledge those who believed in you, encouraged you or opened a door that was the key to where you are now individuals such as a mentor, a co-worker or a boss, or a company or family who paved the way for you."

The Pathways of Honor are located outside the entrance to the Hall of Fame building and surround the Wanek Family and Ashley Furniture Industries Eternal Flame. A gas-burning attraction that will flicker brightly day and night, the Eternal Flame will serve as a reminder of the enduring nature of the home furnishings industry and the unique position that the home and furnishings hold for the world. The newly completed Eternal Flame sculpture will be lit for the first time at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 12 in a dedication ceremony being held in front of the Hall of Fame building.

Bricks may be purchased by going to <u>www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/halloffame</u>.

"It is the privilege of our noble industry to improve lives by creating beautiful homes," McNeill says. "People will always have homes and always need furnishings. The Pathways of Honor offers a way for individuals in our industry to honor someone for all time and express appreciation for the contributions that person made or the help they provided."

For more information, visit the American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame website at www.homefurnishingshalloffame.com.

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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. Our new home, which opened in April 2023, is a symbol of the Home Furnishings Capital of the World<sup>™</sup> where the industry gathers, where we honor our leaders and tell our stories, and where we learn through exhibits, seminars and speakers. 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 or by visiting www.homefurnishingshalloffame.com.

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