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**NAWLA Presents the Industry's Highest Honor, The *NAWLA Mulrooney Award* to Aubra Anthony, Jr. Anthony Forest Products**

**Chicago, IL (May 5, 2009)** – The North American Wholesale Lumber Association (NAWLA), recently concluded their Executive Conference. The NAWLA Mulrooney Award was presented to Aubra Anthony, Jr. during the conference.

Aubra Anthony, Jr. serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of Anthony Forest Products Company, a four generation family owned timber and forest products business. The company is headquartered in El Dorado, Arkansas. They operate two sawmills, two wood chip mills and two wood laminating plants with locations in Texas, Louisiana, Georgia and Arkansas. The Company manages 91,000 acres of timberland. They are third party certified under the Sustainable Forestry Initiative.

As the CEO of Anthony Forest, Aubra has been an innovative leader with a North American perspective. Aubra is a Director of the American Forest & Paper Association and recently served as Chairman of the organization. As the Chairman, Aubra brought unique Washington public policy experience and political skills to bear on such critical issues as illegal logging, eligibility of wood building products under emerging green building standards to protect our markets, as well as the opportunities for the industry in the emerging climate change policy debate.

Aubra and Anthony Forest are ardent proponents of the value of wholesale distribution and are proud members of NAWLA. Aubra is an excellent role model for forest product leaders as they evolve from lumber producers to innovative "value-adders" who must adapt to the changing markets we face.

### **Notable Contributions and Achievements in Civic Life**

Aubra has served as Vice Chairman and Treasurer of the National Parks Conservation Association. He currently serves on the boards of: Simmons First Bank of El Dorado; The Medical Center of South Arkansas; Arkansas Forestry Association; and Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute Foundation. In 2008, Aubra served on the Arkansas Global Warming Commission to which he was appointed by Governor Mike Beebe. (Sustainable forestry was number one most effective of 54 recommendations to mitigate greenhouse gases, and wood building products were noted as superior to concrete and steel.)

### **Education Background**

Aubra is an Honors Graduate of Tulane University and the University of Virginia Law School. He did post graduate work at George Washington University Law School and is a member of the bars of Virginia, the District of Columbia and Arkansas. He has been admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.

### **Family**

Aubra is married to Circuit Judge Carol Crafton Anthony, and they have four children.

### **About the Award and John J. Mulrooney**

John J. Mulrooney, NAWLA Chief Staff Executive from 1960-1979 was an active NAWLA wholesaler member at the time of his appointment.

The NAWLA Mulrooney Award was created by the North American Wholesale Lumber Association Board of Directors in 1979 as a testimony to the life and career of Jack Mulrooney and particularly the contribution he had made to the forest products industry in North America. The Award is to be presented to some person who has made a significant contribution to the forest products industry, especially with reference to distribution. The recipient need not even be in the forest products industry as long as the industry has been the beneficiary of the person's service. This award is not intended to be an in-house award honoring one of our own. Candidates must also have demonstrated in their personal life the highest contributions of their time and talents in their own communities in service to others.

The North American Wholesale Lumber Association (NAWLA) is a 100 plus year old international trade association of over 650 leading forest products and building materials industry wholesalers, manufacturers and industry affiliated companies throughout the United States and Canada.

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