



Matthew Young Installed as 2008-2009 President of Home Builders Association of Greater Savannah



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Matthew Young, President of Regal Builders, Inc, was recently installed as President of the Home Builders Association of Greater Savannah. Young was installed by HBA Legal Counsel, Bill Shearouse at Hyatt Regency with over 125 guests, family and friends in attendance.

Since founding Regal Builders with his brother Trey more than 8 years ago, Young has been committed to industry and has served in a wide variety of leadership roles within the Home Builders Association.

Young attended Savannah County Day School and the University of



Beth Williams-Holley and Bill Shearouse present Edwin J. Feiler with the Hall of Fame Award.

Georgia. He resides in Savannah with his wife Jennifer, their 2 year old twin boys, Carter and Mason and their 4 year old daughter, Reese.

Patty Rietkovich, Executive Director of the HBA of Greater Savannah could not be happier to have Young as the new President. "Matthew is a very smart business man who will do a great job in leading our

Association".

Other Officers installed were Jim Walker as Vice President, Jerry Wardlaw as Treasurer, Read Brennan and Secretary and Ted Jones as Associate Vice President.

Several Awards were also presented at the Annual Event. The Builder Member of the Year Award went to Jim Walker of The Lindadan Corp. The Woody

Woodward Memorial Award was presented to Ted Jones of Georgia Power and the coveted Hall of Fame Award was presented to Edwin J. Feiler of Metro Developers.

The HBA of Greater Savannah is a non profit Trade Association representing Chatham, Effingham, Bryan & Liberty Counties. For more information, please visit www.homebuildersofsavannah.com.

Savannah Celebrates a Yearlong Spotlight on Johnny Mercer – Too Marvelous for Words!

Applauding Mercer's southern gumption, timeless appeal, Gatsby style, creative inspiration, "Huckleberry Friend" affability, songwriting, and singing, Mercer's home city of Savannah, Georgia, dedicates a full year in 2009 to the Johnny Mercer Centennial, spotlighting the accomplishments and influence of its legendary son. The celebration begins November 16, 2008.

Honoring Johnny Mercer's 100th birthday Savannah spotlights the boyishly talented Johnny Mercer as their 'man of the year' during yearlong events in 2009. Out to prove it is the city who loves Mercer best, lifelong Savannahians and newcomers are busy weaving the spirit and influence of Johnny Mercer into art and music, entertainment, education and history.

City of Savannah Mayor Otis Johnson's Johnny Mercer Centennial Committee chaired by Dianne S. Thurman is plan-



Johnny Mercer

ning events throughout 2009 in Savannah. "We want to thank Johnny Mercer for introducing Savannah to the world, in his own unique way," shares Dianne Thurman, chair of the Johnny Mercer Centennial (2009). "At the same time, we want to introduce new generations to this endearing man. He changed so many lives for the better."

Launching the yearlong celebration is the Johnny Mercer Tribute Concert on November 16, 2008, taking place in the Johnny Mercer Theater of the Savannah Civic Center. The City of Savannah and Friends of Johnny Mercer, Inc., sponsor the free concert. The highlight of the centennial year will take place on Mercer's birthday, November 18, 2009, with the unveiling of a life size bronze statue by sculptor Susie Chisholm. The location for Johnny Mercer's statue will be announced later.

Drawing often from his Savannah upbringing, the storytelling Mercer spun poetic short tales that turned up to enliven Hollywood films and New York Broadway plays. "What better time than 2009 and place, Savannah, to spotlight this legendary achiever and his optimistic, creative influence," Thurman states.

For more information on the centennial visit www.johnnymercercentennial.com <<http://www.johnnymercercentennial.com/>> or contact Dianne S. Thurman at dsthurman@bellsouth.net <<mailto:dsthurman@bellsouth.net>> .

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Cofield Inducted into Nu Zeta Chapter of the International Honor Society of Educators

Jacquelyn (Jackie) Cofield was inducted into Kappa Delta PI, along with 50 other graduate and undergraduate students, during a ceremony held October 23rd at Carey Hilliard's Restaurant. Students were

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