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Hess Appointed Chair of Home Builders Institute’s Board of Trustees

Washington, D.C. – The Home Builders Institute (HBI) announced George C. Hess, III has been appointed chair of the organization’s Board of Trustees. Hess is founder and chairman of Vantage Homes Corporation in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

“George Hess is a proven leader in the home construction industry’s ongoing efforts to promote skilled trades training,” said Ed Brady, HBI’s president and CEO. “His commitment to the cause means thousands of young people are building careers and changing their lives.”

Hess chairs a home-state organization in which he has been instrumental in creating and expanding. Careers in Construction Colorado is an outgrowth of a similar, predecessor group, and is a joint effort between the Housing and Home Building Association of Colorado Springs and the Colorado chapter of the Association of General Contractors. These programs address the local labor shortage and high secondary school dropout rates and introduces students to the basics of construction.

“I am proud to help lead HBI, especially now when it’s critically important to today’s economy that we train skilled workers for the building industry,” Hess said.

He has been active in industry, community, and civic organizations, including the Colorado Springs Home Builders Association board of directors, the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) budget committee, and the John Zay Guest House of the Penrose Saint-Francis Hospital Foundation. Hess began his building career upon graduation from Colorado State University where he earned a bachelor’s degree in business management.

Hess previously served as HBI's board chair from January 2018 to January 2019. He joins five new trustees: Carin Barth, co-founder and president of LB Capital, Inc., a private equity investment firm, Houston, TX; Erin DeWeese, vice president for finance of Brian D. Wiggs Homes Inc., Jenks, OK; Fernando Arturo Gil-Enseñat, the former Secretary of Housing of Puerto Rico; Eugene Graf, owner of E.G. Construction LLC, Bozeman, MT; and Dr. Brian K. Johnson, senior fellow in the Education Policy Center at the University of Alabama.

About Home Builders Institute (HBI)

The Home Builders Institute (HBI) trains skilled workers for the building industry.

Through pre-apprenticeship training, certification programs and job placement services, HBI provides graduates—high school students, at-risk youth, veterans, transitioning military personnel, justice-involved youth and adults, and displaced workers—with the skills and experience they need to build a career and change their lives. Visit www.hbi.org for more information on HBI and follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).