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**AMERICAN HOME FURNISHINGS HALL OF FAME FOUNDATION  
CALLS FOR NOMINATIONS DECEMBER 15 THROUGH FEBRUARY 1**

**HIGH POINT, N.C., Dec. 15, 2016** — Nominations for the 2017 class for induction into the American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame are now open. All members of the American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame Foundation are eligible to nominate and to second a nomination.

“As was demonstrated during the recent induction celebration, the Hall of Fame embraces and recognizes exceptional leaders across the entire industry and from around the world who have made notable contributions and put a mark on the industry,” says Michael Amini, president of the Foundation. “The Selection Committee is in search of those individuals who deserve the industry’s most prestigious honor, whatever their role may be – retail, case goods, upholstery, casual and outdoor, bedding, home accents, lighting, wall art, accessories, rugs, soft goods, product designers, sales representatives, and suppliers. As a Foundation member, we need and want your input.”

During an intensive five-month selection process, the Hall of Fame Selection Committee carefully considers an extensive list of individuals to determine who most exemplifies enduring excellence, superior accomplishments, innovation and creativity, and philanthropic generosity of their time, talents and resources. The final selection is determined by a points-based system, with ballots cast individually and online by each of the seven selection committee members. The ballots are received and verified by the Foundation’s accounting firm, Sharrard McGee.

To qualify for consideration, the individual must conduct business in the United States, have served in the industry for at least 15 years, and have created a legacy as a positive influence and champion of the industry. For posthumous nominations, the individual must have been deceased for at least 12 months prior to the date of the nomination.

Members may submit nominations by Feb. 1. Nomination forms and lists of current members, previous nominees and inductees are available on the Foundation website at

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[www.homefurnishingshalloffame.com](http://www.homefurnishingshalloffame.com). Members may also obtain printed copies of the documents by calling 336.882.5900.

To submit a nomination, a re-nomination or a posthumous nomination, Foundation members are required to complete the Nomination Form found on the website at [www.homefurnishingshalloffame.com](http://www.homefurnishingshalloffame.com). A print or a 300 dpi digital photo of the candidate must be enclosed. All nominations must be seconded, in writing, by another Foundation member.

The completed nomination package must be postmarked no later than Feb. 1, 2016, and sent to American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc., 202 Neal Place, High Point, NC 27262.

New inductees will be honored at the American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame Banquet on Oct. 15 during the Fall High Point Market.

To join the Hall of Fame Foundation, please review the membership options on the website, or call the office at 336.882.5900. All contributions are tax deductible. Memberships may be secured through the website, [www.homefurnishingshalloffame.com](http://www.homefurnishingshalloffame.com). Please make checks payable to American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame Foundation, and mail to 202 Neal Place, High Point, NC 27262.

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The American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc., is an international, industry-wide organization founded to research, collect and preserve our cultural, economic and artistic history, as well as to honor those individuals whose outstanding achievements have contributed to the continued growth and development of the U.S. home furnishings industry. Membership includes eligibility to vote for inductees into the American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame, and the opportunity to help preserve the history and heritage of the industry. The organization is based in High Point, North Carolina, at 202 Neal Place, and can be reached at 336.882.5900.

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