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FBMA Honors Individuals With A Combined 95 Years In Building Supply Industry

MOUNT DORA, Fla., May 6, 2010 — While the Florida Building Material Association (FBMA) prepares for its 90th birthday celebration, it announces 2010 Old Timers award recipients Charlie Stottlemeyer and Linton N. Tibbetts, O.B.E.; two individuals who have a combined history of 95 years in Florida's building supply industry.

A Past FBMA Chairman of the Board, Charlie Stottlemeyer co-owned and operated Stottlemeyer and Shoemaker in Sarasota, Florida, from 1954 to 1988. Over the years, what began as a small family operation grew to encompass 250 employees and three locations on Florida's west coast, including Sarasota's first truss and pre-hung door plants. With 28 million in sales in 1988, Stottlemeyer and Shoemaker sold its operation to Mayer International, the largest building supply company in the U.K. Charlie continued working with Mayer until 1989 when he retired.

Linton Tibbetts' success was made possible from a \$1,500 investment he made in 1949 that secured a portion of Cox Lumber, eventually leading to sole ownership of over 24 Florida locations and a division in the Cayman islands. In 2003, Linton received the title O.B.E. from Queen Elizabeth and is recognized as the Most Successful Businessman Ever in the Cayman islands. In 2006, Linton sold his Florida locations to Home Depot and maintained his Cayman islands operation. In November 2009, Linton reentered the Florida market and celebrated 60 years in the building supply industry with the newly formed Tibbetts Lumber Co., LLC in St. Petersburg and Land O'Lakes, Florida; former locations of Cox Lumber and Supply Company. Linton and his family hope to grow Tibbetts Lumber Co., LLC as the Florida market returns with potential properties owned throughout Florida.

Both Charlie and Linton will be recognized at FBMA's Old Timer's Recognition Luncheon on September 23, 2010, from 11:40 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The luncheon will be held during FBMA's annual convention and trade show, the MAIN Event and Gulf Atlantic Building Products Expo, September 22 – 24 at Walt Disney World's Dolphin Resort and Convention Center in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. For more information, contact FBMA at (352) 383-0366 or visit www.fbmainevent.com.

Established in 1920, FBMA promotes the use of wood building and accessory products, develops programs to make businesses more efficient and effective, provides networking opportunities and lobbying efforts for its membership and the betterment of home building throughout the State of Florida.

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