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Atlanta Real Estate Titans Unite to Honor a Visionary

*The Real Estate Investment Advisory Council Induct Georgia State University
Real Estate Department Chair into Prestigious Hall of Distinction*

ATLANTA, GA. (May 23 2012) –At the Real Estate Investment Advisory Council (REIAC) second quarter program, Dr. Julian Diaz, long-time board member and soon-retiring Chairman of Georgia State University’s Robinson School of Real Estate, was inducted into the REIAC Georgia State University Hall of Distinction. This surprise honor was bestowed upon Diaz while moderating a panel of past Hall of Distinction recipients: James Jacoby of Jacoby Development, James Borders of the Novare Group, and Harold Barry of Barry Real Estate Companies.

Specializing in real estate investment analysis, real estate appraisal, quantitative methods for real estate analysis and behavioral research in real estate, Dr. Diaz has been an important player as a Board Member with REIAC and in the Atlanta real estate community for the past 40 years. He has published articles in both academic and professional outlets including *Real Estate Economics*, *The Journal of Real Estate Literature*, *The Journal of Real Estate Research* and *The Appraisal Journal* and serves as a special editor and member of the editorial board for the *Journal of Property Valuation and Investment*.

“Julian has played an instrumental role in shaping REIAC into the trusted forum it is today,” Jerry Monash, President of REIAC, said. “In addition to his extensive knowledge and expertise in the Atlanta real estate community, Julian is a dear friend who deserves this honor twice over.”

Following the Hall of Distinction presentation, Jim Jacoby, Jim Borders and Hal Barry discussed professional milestones, coveted qualities for potential partnerships, and upcoming projects. Additionally, the highly-anticipated transportation referendum was discussed in conjunction with the threats present should the bill not pass.

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About REIAC

The Real Estate Investment Advisory Council (REIAC) was established as a nonprofit trade association to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas, concerns and experiences among senior executives who conduct commercial real estate transactions. An exclusive national fellowship of top real estate executives that offer superior educational events, networking opportunities and community service, REIAC's institutional quality programs are presented in a social environment where members can share experiences and knowledge with their peers. Our events encourage members to broaden horizons and develop personal relationships that further their success within the industry. To learn more, visit www.REIAC.org.

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