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Rick Judson, a Charlotte, N.C.-based home builder with over 35 years of experience in the building industry, is the Chairman of the Board of the more than 140,000 member National Association of Home Builders (NAHB).

Judson is the owner of Evergreen Development Group in Charlotte, and is a successful builder and developer with several decades of experience in land development and construction of single-family, multifamily and commercial projects.

Judson has been active in the NAHB leadership structure at the local, state and national levels throughout his career. He first served on NAHB's Board of Directors in 1979, and he has been a member of the NAHB Executive Board since 2002. He has twice served as NAHB State Representative from North Carolina and as NAHB National Area Chairman representing North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. He has chaired some of NAHB's most important and influential committees, subcommittees and task forces, including Budget and Finance, Investment and Public Affairs. In 2008, he chaired the NAHB Housing Finance Task Force, which developed association policy relating to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Previously, Rick served as 2004 President of the North Carolina Home Builders Association and was named its Associate of the Year in 1988.

Judson began his career in the building industry by purchasing his family's insulating contracting business, and, by acquiring similar firms across the country, he steadily built a company that at the time of its sale was one of the nation's largest and most successful insulating contracting operations. During that period, he served as President of the Insulation Contractors of America. After that, Rick turned his full attention to building and real estate development. In the early 1980s, he established a building company that specialized in custom homes and eventually evolved into building entry level homes. He later expanded the scope of that business to include a larger selection of price ranges, and built both multifamily and commercial projects as well.

Judson is actively involved in his community and numerous philanthropic endeavors. In 1985, North Carolina Governor Jim Martin awarded him the state's highest civilian award, the "Order of the Long Leaf Pine." He served as President of the Charlotte Sertoma Club and was honored with the "Sertoman of the Year" Award in 1977, earned the Real Estate & Business Industry Coalition's "Cashion Award for Political Involvement" in 1987, and served on the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Energy Advisory Commission in 1978-79. He has also been involved with Habitat for Humanity and has held top leadership positions on the Board of Directors of the Builders Mutual Insurance Company.

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Judson attended East Carolina University on a football and track scholarship and was inducted into the school's "Wall of Fame" for noteworthy contributions to the community and university by a letterman. He graduated with Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees in Business and History in 1970. Judson also performed post-graduate studies at the Wharton School of Finance, University of Pennsylvania and at the School of Industrial Management at Clemson University.

Judson's wife, Cathy, is a successful small business owner, technology consultant and active member of the Raleigh-Wake and Charlotte Home Builders Associations. She has also held numerous positions with the North Carolina HBA and NAHB, including that of National Life Director. Rick and Cathy have four grown children and four grandchildren.