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## **Houston Builder First in Texas to Earn National Remodeler Award**

Houston, March 10 -- Stephen Hann, of Hann Builders became the first builder in Texas to earn the Graduate Master Remodeler (GMR) designation, identifying him as one of the remodeling industry's top professionals. Administered by The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), University of Housing, the GMR program is sponsored locally by the Greater Houston Builders Association.

GMR recognizes those remodelers who have shown a commitment to educational excellence, demonstrated exceptional business integrity, and established longevity in the remodeling industry.

To earn the GMR designation, a remodeler must be an active Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) for at least nine years, possess 15 years of remodeling experience, complete an intensive series of industry-specific education courses, provide letters of recommendation, proof of licensing and insurance and adhere to a strict Code of Ethics. GMR stands for dedication to excellence, experience and professionalism within the remodeling industry.

The GMR program represents a graduate master level of remodeling experience and educational excellence which will be continued throughout Hann's career. The GMR program requires all graduates to maintain their designation by completing 12 hours of continuing education every three years.

Hann, and his company, was also named Custom Home Builder of the Year by NAHB in 2008. Hann Builders is a full service, design-build firm that specializes in building and remodeling homes in established Houston neighborhoods.

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ABOUT NAHB: The National Association of Home Builders is a Washington-based trade association representing more than 235,000 members involved in home building, remodeling, multifamily construction, property management, subcontracting, design, housing finance, building product manufacturing and other aspects of residential and light commercial construction. Known as "the voice of the housing industry," NAHB is affiliated with more than 800 state and local home builders associations around the country. NAHB's builder members construct about 80 percent of the new homes constructed each year, making housing one of the largest and most powerful engines of economic growth in the country.