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BOB FILKA NAMED NAHB EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

(Lansing, MI) – The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) is honoring Bob Filka, Executive Officer of the Home Builders Association of Michigan based in Lansing, Michigan, as the 2024 State Executive Officer of the Year. The NAHB Executive Officer of the Year Award is designed to recognize the accomplishments of an outstanding Executive Officer who has contributed to the NAHB Federation during the prior calendar year.

“Bob has always been a strong supporter of the home building industry and NAHB as an Association,” said NAHB CEO Jim Tobin. “We are proud to have partners like him at the state level to advance the mission of building homes, enriching communities and changing lives. Bob truly embodies what it means to be an Association leader.”

“I’m honored and truly humbled by this award,” said Filka. “This national recognition is the result of the great team we have. Our HBA staff in Lansing is phenomenal and the volunteer member leaders of our organization are engaged and passionate. This award is a reflection of that and I’m very fortunate to have such a wonderful group around me.”

Bob Filka is a Hope College graduate and Muskegon native and has served in his current role since 2006. Filka has more than 35 years of government and policy experience in both Washington, D.C. and Lansing. Early in his career, he was a legislative aide to the late Grand Rapids-area Congressman Paul Henry on Capitol Hill. Upon returning to Michigan, he served as a policy advisor to Governor John Engler. He was appointed by Engler as President of the Michigan Strategic Fund and became part of the original executive leadership group that created the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. In 2023, he was appointed by Governor Whitmer to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority Statewide Housing Partnership. As part of this partnership, he helped develop a strategy to implement the Michigan Statewide Housing Plan released in 2022 and made recommendations to MSHDA on how best to achieve its goals. Bob is active in numerous organizations and has served stints as Chair of the Habitat for Humanity of Michigan Board of Directors and the Michigan Virtual University among others. Bob is married to his wife, Karen, and has two adult daughters (Elise and Isabel), granddaughter (Lily) and a grandson (Hank).

The NAHB Executive Officer of the Year Award represents the highest level of dedication, loyalty, and commitment to promoting the value of membership and advancing the needs of the Federation. Filka was honored on Feb. 27, 2025, during the Leadership Council Meeting in conjunction with the NAHB International Builders’ Show in Las Vegas.

The Home Builders Association of Michigan is a professional trade association comprised of 16 local homebuilder associations around the state and their builder, subcontractor, and supplier members. HBA of Michigan works to positively promote the building industry and impact legislative, regulatory and legal issues affecting housing affordability.

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