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ARCHITECT BILL HARRISON RECOGNIZED FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION EFFORTS IN CALIFORNIA

Santa Barbara, CA – William H. Harrison, AIA, founding principal of Harrison Design Associates, recently received the following commendations for his continued efforts to understand and promote the preservation of architecturally significant buildings in modern society.

- Certificate of Recognition from the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation, in recognition and appreciation of [his] efforts on behalf of historic preservation in the city of Santa Barbara
- Certificate of Recognition from the Senate of the State of California, Special Volunteer Award, for dedication and outstanding service to the Trust and the community
- Certificate of Recognition from the California State Assembly for Volunteer Appreciation, Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation
- Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition for outstanding and invaluable service to the community

William Harrison started his career and his firm with a single goal: To create and uphold ancestral homes and public buildings in keeping with age-old traditions. His dedication to classical forms and artistry has made him a vocal advocate of historic preservation in communities across the country.

In 2003, Mr. Harrison opened an office in Santa Barbara, California, where he and managing principal, Anthony Spann, AIA are actively involved in several organizations that promote classical architecture and historic preservation. Among these organizations is the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation where Mr. Spann serves as a Trustee and Mr. Harrison recently lectured on the influence of early Spanish Missions on West Coast derivatives and its evolution in today's movement toward new urbanism.

The firm is currently involved in two historic preservation projects in the Santa Barbara area. The first is a renovation of the landmark Franceschi house for use as a museum, gallery, education and collection center celebrating the life of Dr. Francesco Franchesci, Southern California's esteemed Botanist. The second project is a historic renovation and sensitive addition to a turn-of-the-century carriage house located along Santa Barbara's Mission Creek.

Regarding his work, Mr. Harrison says, "Architecture is my profession, my hobby, and my passion; it is a pleasure to participate in organizations such as the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation, as they provide an engaging platform for the sharing of ideas within a community. The work is a pleasure; the recognition, an honor."

Since its founding in 1991, award-winning Harrison Design Associates has been dedicated to creating high-end custom homes that are inspired by the best of traditional architecture. From Atlanta and St. Simons Island, Georgia to Santa Barbara, California, we share a singular belief that a handcrafted house is a work of art; it is an enduring investment and a place to express the individuality of the families that will live there. Our team of over 65 professionals creates an array of distinctive ancestral homes and public buildings through the thoughtful study and application of classical proportions and detailing.

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