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### **The Asphalt Contractors Association of Florida announces T. H. “Ted” McRae as the inaugural recipient of their “Lifetime Achievement Award”. –**

The Asphalt Industry in Florida bestowed a “special recognition Award” at their Annual Convention in Miami this past weekend. “Our industry is blessed with some truly unique and gifted individuals who dedicated their lives to the industry,” said Kevin Wall, ACAF President. “Ted McRae has been one of those individuals.”

Ted McRae has spent over 61 years in the industry, started as a time keeper and finished as the President for Anderson Columbia Company. “They say he’s retired now, but I hear he’s still going to work.” He’s worked on notable construction projects on Alligator Alley, the launch pad for the first Saturn missiles fired from Cape Canaveral, and most recently the 30 mile, \$450 million expansion of Interstate 75 (IROX Project) from Fort Myers to Naples. And he has moved dirt and paved all over the State of Florida during his career. He has lived and built projects in exotic lands including the Azores Islands, Guyana, Costa Rica, and Zaire.

In 1978 he became Vice President of Columbia Paving in Lake City, working alongside Messrs. Hubert Real and Joe Anderson, Jr. As Vice President and later as President of Anderson Columbia Company, he was responsible for the overall operations of the Company. Although in 2003 he officially retired after 25 years with the Company, he has continued working for Anderson Columbia as a consultant and goes into the office almost every day.

During his career, he has served as President of the Asphalt Contractors Association of Florida from 1981-83 and a member of the Board of Directors for the Florida Transportation Builders Association. He was named Lake City/Columbia County Chamber of Commerce “Business Person of the Year” in 1995.

When asked by a reporter once what his greatest professional accomplishment was, Ted said without hesitation, “the working relationships and friends I have made over the years.” Mike Horan, President of Ajax Paving Industries said he took great pride in nominating Ted for this Award and is blessed to be able to call him a friend.

The Award was established by the ACAF Board of Directors this past year to recognize the contributions of its industry leaders in Florida.

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