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Rip Rogers Inducted into Trussway Hall of Fame

February 24, 2006 - Palm Springs, CA – Industry icon Rip Rogers was inducted into the Trussway Hall of Fame during the Trussway National Sales Meeting held at the beautiful LaQuinta Resort and Club in Palm Springs, CA in February. The sales meeting was a celebration of a successful 2005 and a look forward to the future. In addition to meetings and golf, the sales and design staff at Trussway learned about the art of negotiation from renowned speaker John Patrick Dolan. But the highlight of the meeting was the awards dinner.

Rogers was recognized for a long and distinguished career that dates back over forty-six years. He graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington with a BS in Civil Engineering and began his career with Barnes Lumber and Manufacturing in 1960 in Dallas. He later joined Trussway and moved to Houston. Trussway has since grown to over 1300 employees with manufacturing facilities stretching from Virginia to Arizona. Always an industry advocate, Rip was elected to the WTCA Board in 1984 and was one of the original board members of the Truss Manufacturers Association of Texas. He served as WTCA President in 1989 and was elected to the WTCA Hall of Fame in 1990.

“After serving on the WTCA Board for 15 years, I decided several years ago that it was time to step aside” Rip said recently. “In doing so, I felt I was leaving it in good hands and my feelings have not changed. WTCA is far beyond anything I ever envisioned it to be 20 years ago. My commitment to the industry has always been to put more into it than you take out and to constantly strive to raise the level of professionalism within the industry.”

“I feel the same about Trussway” he continues. “I feel comfortable that Trussway is healthy and strong. The company is in a position to grow with committed ownership and experienced management. The people in place are among the best in the business and I feel good that I’m leaving the company stronger than it’s ever been.”

Rip was presented with a Trussway “Green Jacket” and Trussway Hall of Fame ring by President and CEO Bill Adams. “Rip is one of a kind - totally dedicated, having played a major role in the success of Trussway and the industry over the years” said Adams. “He will be missed.” Rogers retired at the end of 2005 and is looking forward to spending more time with his children and grandchildren.

Congratulations and best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement to Rip and his “first wife” of over forty years, Sally.