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SELECTED INDEPENDENT FUNERAL HOMES INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Deerfield, IL, Oct. 15, 2009 - Selected Independent Funeral Homes, an international organization of independent funeral service providers, has announced that two new officers—Thomas A. Broussard as President and Corinne H. Curtis as Secretary-Treasurer—and two new board members—James B. Kepner and Thomas M. Belford—were officially installed at its recent annual meeting in San Diego, CA.

Broussard is Co-CEO of Broussard's Mortuary in Beaumont, TX. He was elected to the board of directors of Selected Independent Funeral Homes in 2007, representing the south central region of North America. His father, Alex Broussard, also served on the association's board and was president in 1972.

"I look forward to continuing our efforts to make this association viable and compelling to our members and to the industry," said Broussard. "We have taken some great strides in recent years. I am excited and unbelievably honored to serve in this capacity and to help keep us moving forward."

Curtis is Co-President and Secretary of Platt's Funeral Home, Inc., Augusta, GA. She was elected to the board of directors of Selected Independent Funeral Homes in 2007, representing the south eastern region of North America.

Kepner is Vice President of Kepner Funeral Home, Wheeling, WV. He was elected to the board of directors of Selected Independent Funeral Homes this year, representing the north central region of North America. Both his grandfather, Wade H. Kepner, and father, John W. Kepner, are past presidents of the association, serving in 1939 and 1980 respectively.

Belford is President of John A. Gentleman Mortuaries, Omaha, NE. He was elected to the board of directors of Selected Independent Funeral Homes this year, representing the central region of North America.

The board of directors also includes: Paul E. Foster, Fulton, NY; John J. Horan, Aurora, CO; and ex-officio Glenn P. Taylor, Owensboro, KY.

About Selected Independent Funeral Homes:

Founded in 1917 as National Selected Morticians, Selected Independent Funeral Homes is the world's oldest and largest association of independently owned funeral homes. Membership is by invitation only, and members subscribe to the association's "Code of Good Practice" in providing the public with reliable, high-quality funeral services and funeral-related information.

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