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AOBA Recognizes Virginia Delegates for Leadership During 2009

At a recent Leadership Awards program in Washington, DC, the Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington (AOBA) honored a number of public servants for their leadership and commitment to the business community during 2009.

The following Virginia Delegates were among public servants recognized at the real estate industry program:

The Honorable Tim Hugo played a key role in obtaining passage of legislation critical to the Washington region during the 2009 session of the Virginia General Assembly. Delegate Hugo sponsored legislation to protect commercial real estate owners and tenant businesses from undue taxation during extremely difficult economic times. He demonstrated outstanding leadership and consensus building capabilities as he garnered strong bipartisan support for the initiative, shepherding it through the General Assembly. In addition, Delegate Hugo worked through delicate issues to assure that real estate taxes collected by Northern Virginia jurisdictions for much-needed local transportation projects would be used for this purpose and not diverted to the General Fund.

The Honorable Glenn Oder, appointed in 2008 as Chairman of the influential Housing Subcommittee of the House Committee on General Laws, was commended for his efforts to balance the needs of property managers and tenants in the Commonwealth. Delegate Oder promoted legislation during the 2009 session of the General Assembly that included various amendments to the Virginia Residential Landlord/Tenant Act which will have a substantial positive impact for multifamily properties across the Commonwealth.

The Honorable Thomas Davis Rust was recognized, for the second consecutive year, as a thoughtful and hard-working elected leader who helped to relieve burdensome, unnecessary regulations that would have made managing apartment buildings in the Commonwealth even more challenging. In the past, Delegate Rust has been recognized by AOBA for his heroic

efforts to secure critical funding for transportation infrastructure in Northern Virginia. Delegate Rust's efforts this year resulted in the passage of legislation that will foster a much stronger business climate in Virginia. His compromise bill to end the practice of "second signature" towing will remove property managers from the onerous and physically dangerous position of having to be present to authorize the removal of a trespassing or illegally parked vehicle. The bill won resounding support from both the House of Delegates and the Senate. #

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