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SE Michigan Homebuilder Donald Pratt Inducted into the Michigan Construction Hall of Fame

Donald L Pratt, CEO of Wake-Pratt Construction in Auburn Hills, Michigan, was inducted into the Michigan Construction Hall of Fame during ceremonies held Thursday, evening October 26 at Ferris State University.

“It is an honor to be considered for and inducted into the Michigan Construction Hall of Fame,” said Pratt. “I have always considered it a privilege to work in our great industry and to have the opportunity to give back. It is humbling to be recognized along with so many of the other outstanding individuals that have contributed so greatly to homebuilding and our communities across Michigan”

“When looking at all he has done to promote our industry at the local, state and national level, there is no one more deserving of being inducted into Michigan’s Construction Hall of Fame than Don Pratt,” said Bob Filka, CEO of the Home Builders Association of Michigan. “Whether it be his work on improving building codes, education and professionalism or workplace safety, his impact has been and will continue to be felt across our entire country.”

Throughout the 1970s and 80s Don worked his way through multiple Wake-Pratt Construction positions to become partner and CEO in 1996. He held leadership positions in the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan, the Home Builders Association of Michigan, and the National Association of Home Builders. He also joined the National Association of Home Builders Board of Directors in 1980 and has served on multiple committees focused on safety, building product issues, codes and standards, resolutions, liability, and risk management.

Don was heavily involved with the International Code Council at the national and the state level. He served three different governors on the State of Michigan Construction Code Commission. As Chairman in 2000 he was instrumental in creating and implementing the first edition of the International Residential Code and Michigan’s first single State Building Code.

Don has been a driving force in elevating the professionalism of Michigan’s homebuilders’ industry by advocating for a 60 Hour pre-licensure class for the builder’s exam, and required continuing competency education every code cycle.

Don is also president of Construction Education and Consulting Services of Michigan, LLC. With well over 900 cases in the past ten years, he frequently serves as an expert witness at legal proceedings on residential construction issues.

The Home Builders Association of Michigan is a professional trade association comprised of 23 local homebuilder associations around the state and their builder, subcontractor and supplier members. HBAM works to positively promote the building industry and impact legislative, regulatory and legal issues affecting housing affordability.

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