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RFCI holds Retirement Celebration for Dean and Shirley Thompson

SEA ISLAND Ga. (May 3, 2022) Dean Thompson, retiring RFCI President and CEO, and wife his Shirley were celebrated with a “Special Evening Tribute” by a gathering of Resilient Floor Covering Institute (RFCI) members at the Spring 2022 Meeting at The Cloister, Sea Island on Wednesday evening, April 27.

Speakers addressing the over 100 in attendance included Bill Blackstock, president and CEO, RFCI; Tom Davis, formerly with Mannington; Bill Freeman, formerly with RFCI; Harlan Stone, HMTX; Bart Rogers, Roppe; Dick Heinle, Formosa; Allison Foley, Venable LLP; Ned Monroe, Vinyl Institute; Jane Rohde, RFCI; Teresa Williford, RFCI; Steve McEntee, Penn Color; Herb Upton, Shaw and RFCI Chairman; and Curt Thompson, Dean’s son.



Top Row, Left: Bill Blackstock presents a box of letters to Dean, penned by members of RFCI and the leaders of organizations affiliated with RFCI

Top Row, Right: Harlan Stone, HMTX, recalls Dean’s many accomplishments

Middle Row, Left: Herb Upton, Shaw and RFCI Chairman, with presentation to Dean and Shirley

Middle Row, Right: Dean, Shirley, family and guests enjoying stories about Dean’s legendary hole-in-one at Pebble Beach

Bottom Row: Teresa Williford, RFCI, gives a moving tribute to Dean and Shirley

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About RFCI

The Resilient Floor Covering Institute (RFCI), based in LaGrange, GA, is the flooring industry’s association that provides support for a network of global resilient flooring manufacturers and those in the supply chain. The mission of RFCI is to enhance the long-term growth and well-being of the North American resilient floor covering industry. RFCI strategic goals include managing issues that affect manufacturing, products, and the people who use them, and which typically emanate from federal and state government agencies as well as non-governmental agencies and activist groups. Other key goals include promoting the resilient flooring category, developing guidelines and certification programs to ensure the quality and sustainability of resilient flooring products, their installation, and maintenance, developing and managing technical product performance standards, and market education. <https://rfci.com>