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GUMENICK PROPERTIES WINS BEST IN AMERICAN LIVING AWARD

Prestigious National Award Recognizes Grayson Hill's Outstanding Housing Design

HENRICO COUNTY, VA. – Gumenick Properties has won a prestigious Best In American Living Award for the Kingston Model at its luxury Grayson Hill community in western Henrico County.

Professional Builder Magazine sponsors the Best in American Living Award contest. The competition showcases homes that illustrate design quality, succeed in the marketplace and exemplify the “best in American living.”

“Gumenick Properties is pleased to receive one of the highest honors given in the homebuilding industry. The Best In American Living Award represents exceptional quality, a goal we strive for in every home we create,” said Ollin Toler, Gumenick Properties’ vice president for the Homebuilding Division.

The Kingston Model won the Best In American Living Award in the category of Best Attached Home Up to and Including Eight Units Per Acre. The Lessard Group of Vienna, Va. designed this model.

The Kingston’s design was inspired by traditional 18th century architecture. It has 10-foot ceilings on the first floor and 9-foot ceilings on the second. The first floor includes kitchen, morning room and family room. The second floor has a master bedroom suite

with sitting room, a large bath and his and hers closets. An optional master suite is available on the first floor.

To qualify for the contest, homes must have been completed between May 1, 2005 and July 15, 2006. A total of 92 award winners in 41 categories were chosen from more than 559 entries. The judging panel for this year's event included builders, marketing experts, architects, land planners, developers, design professionals, interior designers and editors with Professional Builder Magazine. Awards will be presented formally during a ceremony at the National Home Builders' convention in Orlando, Fla. during February.

Based in Henrico County, Va., Gumenick Properties is an award-winning real estate development and management company with operations throughout the Southeast. Founded in the late 1940s, the company now engages in two primary lines of business – apartment community operations and homebuilding.

The company currently owns and operates apartment communities in Florida, North Carolina and Virginia. Gumenick Properties also is engaged in homebuilding activities, primarily in Central Virginia. Over the years, it has acquired extensive experience in neighborhood revitalization. These projects meet many needs, including, curbing suburban sprawl, enhancing local tax bases and meeting long-term community goals set by elected leaders and professional planners. The company's revitalization work always has been undertaken with respect for local sensitivities and needs. As a result, Gumenick Properties' revitalization projects have garnered praise and ready acceptance from customers, civic leaders and neighbors.