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RE: Belinda Stewart elevated to College of Fellows

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the AIA Mississippi Board of Directors, I extend our congratulations to Belinda Stewart. Belinda Stewart has been elevated to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects! This is a high honor and a distinction that is well-deserved.

The College of Fellows recognizes Architects whose careers are making real and lasting impact on the profession and our culture. Belinda has been serving her community and the State of Mississippi as an exceptional architect in the broadest sense of the term for many years. She is a trailblazer, a successful architect in small town, Mississippi, the first female President of AIA Mississippi and now the first female Fellow of the Institute from Mississippi.

From her practice to her public service, Belinda Stewart’s career is an example of the positive impact an architect can have on his or her community. Belinda has given decades of sustained effort and dedication to preserving and improving the built environment. She has utilized architectural principles and design thinking to make each building, institution, organization or community she encounters better than she found it.

Each renovation, new building and historic restoration has kindled or revived a community’s pride and sense of place. Her contribution to the greater good is evidenced in her work and in numerous local, state and regional design awards, leadership recognitions and publications. Her genuine and unwavering commitment to public service is proven not only in her body of architectural work, but also in her individual leadership, from business leader to four-term Mayor of her beloved home, the Village of Walthall, Mississippi.

If you are not familiar with Belinda’s career, please review the attached Summary of Achievements, a part of her submission to the College of Fellows. It will give you a taste of the work Belinda has completed so far and make you proud to be an architect in Mississippi.

Sincerely,

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