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**Congressman Carlos Curbelo (R-FL 26<sup>th</sup>) will be honored  
with SAHMA's Affordable Housing Advocate Award**

April 26, 2018 Atlanta, GA. – The Southeastern Affordable Housing Management Association (SAHMA) is pleased to announce that Congressman Carlos Curbelo (R-FL 26<sup>th</sup>) will be honored with SAHMA's Affordable Housing Advocate Award on Monday, August 13, 2018 at the Disney Contemporary Hotel in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

Two years ago, the SAHMA Board of Directors, with the support of our membership, established the Affordable Housing Advocate Award to honor and recognize Legislators and other Industry Partners who have demonstrated great leadership, support and commitment to affordable housing. By recognizing these important partners, we not only strengthen the relationships, but encourage the continued advocacy for affordable housing that is desperately needed not only in the Southeast, but nationwide.

Representative Curbelo was chosen for this honor because of his continued commitment and work to support affordable housing related initiatives such as being a Co-Sponsor on the Affordable Credit Act, which aimed to reform and expand the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit. Rep. Curbelo introduced legislation, with Rep. Charlie Christ (D-FL), the Flood Insurance Fairness Act, legislation that would expand the National Flood Insurance Program to provide relief to Americans paying flood insurance for rental properties and non-primary residences. Rep. Curbelo serves on the House Committee on Ways and Means, which has broad jurisdiction over many issues that Rep. Curbelo has made a priority in Congress, including tax policy, free and fair trade, healthcare, and entitlement reform. Congressman Curbelo also represents the 26<sup>th</sup> District of Florida on over forty congressional caucuses.

Notable Quote on Affordable Housing: “Across the country, rental properties like those affected by this bill not only serve as primary income for many landlords, but also provide reasonably priced housing for the workforce in our coastal communities,” said Curbelo. “This bill is critical to South Florida, especially for residents of the Florida Keys that are in desperate need of affordable housing options. The Flood Insurance Fairness Act would ensure all Americans have access to affordable flood insurance by guaranteeing that all non-primary residences and business properties receive the same rates provided to primary homes under the National Flood Insurance Program.” (Source: Rep. Curbelo website)

Previous recipient of the SAHMA Affordable Housing Advocate Award was Senator Tim Scott (R-SC)

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