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**WALLCOVERINGS ASSOCIATION  
HONORS ROBERT PARISI, 41-YEAR INDUSTRY VETERAN,  
WITH 2007 ALLMAN AWARD**

**CHICAGO**—The Wallcoverings Association (WA) has awarded Robert Parisi the industry's highest honor, The Justin P. Allman Award. Parisi will be celebrated and presented with the award at the Allman Reception and Awards Banquet, honoring Parisi's efforts within the industry, on February 12, 2008, at the WA Annual Convention. This year's convention, open only to WA members, will run from February 9-12 at Rosen Shingle Creek in Orlando, Florida.

The Justin P. Allman Award is named after the founder and president of the Wallcoverings Wholesalers Association, the predecessor to WA. Individuals are nominated for the award based on their dedication and contributions to the wallcoverings industry. This award is in its 61<sup>st</sup> year.

Parisi will receive his official Allman Award and be honored as a distinguished guest of the 2008 WA Annual Convention.

"I am deeply honored to receive this award," Parisi said. "Whenever you are recognized by your peers and colleagues it is very humbling and rewarding."

Parisi, a 41-year veteran to the industry, began his career at The General Tire and Rubber Company in 1965, which is now OMNOVA Solutions. He worked diligently first as a customer service representative, a sales representative, product and general manager and finally as Vice President of Commercial Wallcoverings. Parisi elected to take early retirement in February of 2000.

Parisi joined J. Josephson as Director of Sales in February 2000.

“Bob has dedicated more than 40 years to the wallcoverings industry and his commitment and objectivity has been demonstrated continuously during his career in the numerous positions he has held,” said multiple leaders at Arc-Com Fabrics, Incorporated. “His dedication to furthering the Wallcovering Association and the wallcovering industry has been his paramount goal.”

“In reflecting, I feel fortunate to get out of bed each morning excited to go to work...During my entire career I’ve worked with talented people; my fellow associates, customers and even my competitors are friends”.

In addition to serving the wallcoverings industry in a professional capacity, Parisi has served the Wallcoverings Association in a variety of roles. Parisi was the first Contract Committee Chairman of the Wallcoverings Association which was formed in 1991. He served many years on the Board of Directors and was elected President of the Association in 2002. He continued as President through 2004.

“Bob has demonstrated unwavering commitment and exemplary dedication to the industry and is a proven leader among his peers and colleagues,” said Peter Ciaccia, President of the Wallcoverings Association. “I am pleased to bestow this award to Bob and recognize his efforts and achievements.”

Parisi currently resides in Fairfield, New Jersey with his wife of 40 years and looks forward to celebrating this award with her, as well as all of his children who will be in attendance at the WA Convention in February.

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About Wallcoverings Association (WA):

WA is a member-based, not-for-profit organization, focused on the manufacturing, distributing and over-all sales within the wallcoverings industry.