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**WALLCOVERINGS ASSOCIATION HONORS JERRY MASON  
WITH THE 2012 ALLMAN AWARD**

**CHICAGO**—The Wallcoverings Association (WA) has awarded the industry's highest honor, the 2012 Justin P. Allman Award, to Jerry Mason. Mason will be recognized and presented with the award at the Allman Award Reception and Banquet on Monday, January 28, 2013, at the WA Annual Meeting. The 2013 Annual Meeting will take place January 27-29, 2013, at the SandPearl Resort in Clearwater Beach, Florida.

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Jerry was humbled to be included among the outstanding individuals who have been previous recipients of the Allman Award.

"I have been very blessed with the opportunities that my career has afforded me," said Mason. "Over the years, there have been a tremendous number of individuals that contributed to the success I have had."

Mason's career in wallcoverings began after gaining experience in materials engineering with BFG Goodrich (BFG), in Akron, Ohio. He has worked with a wide variety of products ranging from automotive upholstery to environmental liners, until becoming a Technical Manager in the early 1980's with the BFG Koroseal Wallcovering line.

When BFG sold its industrial products division, Mason chose to follow it to the RJF International Corporation (RJF). This move solidified his commitment to the wallcoverings industry. Mason thrived at RJF, playing important roles in the acquisition of Victrex Wallcoverings and Industrial Enterprises, adding new product lines and manufacturing capabilities to the growing company. He advanced to the role of Vice President of Technology and served in that capacity until his retirement.

Reflecting on his career, Mason stated, "I have enjoyed working with a variety of materials and processes over the years, but I found the greatest opportunity and satisfaction working with the individuals both in and outside of my companies."

Mason's contributions to wallcoverings have reached far beyond his accomplishments with BFG and RJF. He has built relationships throughout the wallcoverings and affiliated industries by his leadership and participation with the Chemical Fabrics and Film Association (CFFA), the Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE), the Vinyl Institute (VI), ASTM, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), NSF, and the WA.

"Jerry has played a critical role in helping expand the performance, versatility and safety of wallcoverings," said Chris Mundschenk, WA executive director. "We are pleased to see Jerry honored for his technical expertise, leadership and dedication to the advancement of the industry."

Jerry firmly believes that as individuals are committed to their companies, so should a company be committed to advancement of the industry. Jerry stated that he has been fortunate that BFG and RJF supported his participation in industry associations.

Since retiring, Jerry and his wife Mary Lou have enjoyed the extra time they have to travel, serve their church, and to spend quality time with their children and grandchildren.

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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. Mason will receive his official award and be honored as a distinguished guest of the 2013 WA Annual Meeting.

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**About the Wallcoverings Association (WA):**

The Wallcoverings Association is a member-based not-for-profit organization, focused on advancing manufacturing, distributing and overall sales within the wallcoverings industry. WA provides a vehicle for communication across segments of the wallcoverings industry while promoting the use of wallcoverings in the commercial and residential marketplace. For further information on the association, contact WA Headquarters at 312.321.5166, [info@wallcoverings.org](mailto:info@wallcoverings.org), or visit [www.wallcoverings.org](http://www.wallcoverings.org).

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