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9 CAA MEMBERS SERVE ON INSURERS ADVISORY COUNCILS IN 2009

*CAA Member Evans, Ewan & Brady Honored as a
Central Insurance Companies' Blue Streak Advisory Council Agency in 2009*

AUSTIN, TX April 23, 2009 – Today Combined Agents of America, LLC (CAA) proudly announced that its member Ken Ewan, president of Evans, Ewan & Brady Insurance Agency Inc. (Georgetown, TX), was named to the Central Insurance Companies' 2009 Blue Streak National Advisory Council. In 2009, almost a fourth of CAA members will serve on different insurer agency advisory councils, including CNA, Kemper Insurance Company and Texas Mutual Insurance Companies, and continue to impact the greater insurance industry. With recent expansion into Oklahoma and Kansas, Texas-based CAA is a managing general agency (MGA) committed to further expansion across the country to strengthen the independent insurance agency system through profitable growth and exceptional service for its member agencies.

“Ken’s appointment to Central’s Blue Streak National Advisory Council exemplifies the greater commitment of every CAA member to represent the interests of our customers and agency partners as we expand across the country,” says Bill Bridges, CAA past president and executive vice president of Duncan, Fraser & Bridges (Pampa, TX). “With almost a fourth of our members serving on insurer advisory boards in 2009, we feel we’re making progress in strengthening the insurance industry.”

Blue Streak is made up of top-performing personal lines agency partners that have a proven track record of producing profitable personal lines for Central, and a commitment to outstanding customer service. Evans, Ewan & Brady has also been honored with the prestigious Blue Streak Circle of Achievement Model Book Award from the Central Insurance Companies.

“The Blue Streak National Advisory Council is one of our many advisory councils that act as an initial sounding board to help push us in the direction we need to go,” says F. W. “Bill” Purmort, president and chairman of the board of Central Insurance Companies. “It’s about making this partnership between us and our agencies, producers and CSRs really work. We can dream up whatever we want, but if agencies don’t want to sell it, it’s not going anywhere.”

CAA applauds its nine CAA members and their top producers who currently serve on the following insurer advisory boards across the nation:

Bill Bridges, CIC, continues to serve on the Texas Mutual Agents Advisory Council since 2002.

Scott Burton, president of Benchmark Insurance Group (San Marcos, TX), continues to serve on CNA’s branch and regional agency advisory council called PACER since 2003, and on the Texas Mutual Agents Advisory Council.

Lloyd Eisenrich, CIC, CAA secretary and president of The Weatherby-Eisenrich Inc., (Andrews, TX),

serves on the national advisory board NorthStar, the agency advisory board for Allstate Corp./Encompass Insurance, during the 2008-2011 term.

Ken Ewan continues to serve as member of Kemper's Inner Circle Advisory Board since it began in 2006.

Roger Luttrell, CIC, president of Benton-Luttrell-Brown Company (Van Alstyne, TX), serves on the State Auto Insurance Companies Regional Advisory Board for the 2008-2011 term.

Rowdy Nutt, CIC, is the vice-president of Bosworth & Associates (Tyler, TX) and current chairman of the Service Lloyds Insurance Company Agents' Advisory Council, and council member since 2003.

Trent Richmond, AFIS, president of Bridges Insurance and Great Plains Insurance of Kansas (Norton, Kansas), continues to serve on the Agents Advisory Council for NSM Insurance Group's Addiction Treatment Providers Insurance Program since 2008.

Michael Sachse, vice-president of Walthall Sachse & Pipes Inc. (San Antonio, TX), continues to serve on the Service Lloyds Advisory Board since 2003.

Michael Whorton, producer of Whorton Insurance Services (Austin, Texas), continues to serve on the Texas Mutual Master Agents Advisory Council since 2007.

About Combined Agents of America, LLC

Founded in 1997 Combined Agents of America, LLC (CAA) is based in Austin, Texas, and comprised of 40 independent insurance agencies located throughout Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. By funneling the agencies' combined premiums, CAA brings larger volume commitments to insurance companies, while empowering its members to realize greater benefits from insurance companies, vendor discounts and other incentives.

CAA works with 18 of the largest insurance companies in the nation. CAA is nationally ranked as the number one independent agency in the southwest region by many of the top rated insurance companies and ranked 18th of the "Top 100" independent agencies in the nation by the *Insurance Journal* in 2008. All CAA member agencies remain independent and are recognized by insurance companies as a key component to their future growth and goal commitments. Additional information is available at www.combinedagents.com.

CAA member agencies include: Aars & Nelson Insurance Agency, Barnard Insurance Agency, Bartlett, Baggett & Shands, Benchmark Insurance Group, Benton-Luttrell-Brown Company, Bigham-Kliewer-Chapman-Watts Insurance Agency, BRIA Insurance & Risk Consultants, Bridges Group Inc., Bosworth & Associates, Bryan Insurance Agency Ltd., Brownrigg Insurance Agency Inc., Cravens-Warren & Co., Crockett Insurance Service, Duncan-Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency Inc., Ed Berrong Insurance Agency, Ed Weeren Insurance Agency Inc., EFGI Insurance & Bonds LCC, Evans-Ewan & Brady Insurance Agency Inc., First Insurance Services, Henry Norris Insurance Agency, Inc., Garrett Insurance Agency, Inc., GBS Insurance Agency Inc., Grona Boles and Martin Insurance Agency Inc., Insurance Associates of Texas, Insurance Net Inc., JHC Insurance Agency Inc., J. S. Edwards & Sherlock Insurance Agency, McCorkle Commercial Insurance Agency, Mims & Smith, Pierson-Fendley Insurance, Pinnacle Insurance Group Inc., Porter Insurance Agency Inc., Purifoy & Company, The Shropshire Agency Inc., Siegeler Insurance Agency, Inc., Walthall-Sachse & Pipes, Inc., The Weatherby-Eisenrich Inc., Wellmann Insurance Agency, Inc., Western Insurance Agency, and Whorton Insurance Services.