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CAA AGENT NAMED IIAT'S 2011 'YOUNG AGENT OF THE YEAR'

Matt Frierson of Pierson & Fendley Wins IIAT Award

AUSTIN, Texas, August 1 -- Combined Agents of America, LLC (CAA) congratulates its agent Matt Frierson, CIC, Partner at Pierson & Fendley Insurance Agency, LLC, (Paris, Texas), for being named the André P. Juneau Young Agent of the Year by the Independent Insurance Agents of Texas (IIAT) at its 114th Annual Conference & Trade Show. Pierson & Fendley Insurance Agency is a CAA member agency. Matt is also the 7th CAA agent who has been distinguished with this prestigious award. With a presence in 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.

"We at CAA are extremely pleased that Matt received the honor of being named IIAT Young Agent of the year for 2011," said Curtis Fendley, Managing Partner at Pierson & Fendley, a CAA member agency. "As the 7th CAA producer to earn this honor, he continues to build our brand as some of the best in our field. Matt has made significant professional contributions to CAA and to our agency as a Partner. We are very proud."

Previously, Matt has served on IIAT's Young Agents and Small Agents Advisory Council(s), and as President of Independent Agents of Paris. He is a current board member for Lamar County Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Paris City Council. Matt's wife and three children live in Paris, Texas.

The IIAT's 'Young Agent of the Year' annual award is bestowed upon a young producer that demonstrated service to the industry, his or her professional trade associations and community in an exceptional manner for a person of his/her age. Nominations are solicited each January, and announced during the IIAT's annual conference. The award was named after André P. Juneau, senior vice president of Nieman Hanks Puryear, who died early at the age 47 after a courageous battle with cancer.

In 2009, Mark Bridges, vice president of Edmond, Deaton & Stephens Insurance Agency (Amarillo, Texas), a CAA member agency affiliate, was named IIAT's 'Young Agent of the Year.'

About Combined Agents of America, LLC

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generated over \$414 million in combined property and casualty annual premiums, and currently works with 18 of the largest insurance companies in the nation. 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-Kliwer-Chapman-Watts Insurance Agency, Bibby-Brilling & Associates, 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 LLC, Elliott Insurance Group, Evans-Ewan & Brady Insurance Agency Inc., First Insurance Services, First Texas Insurance Services LC, Henry Norris Insurance Agency, Inc., HC&H Insurance Group, Garrett Insurance Agency, Inc., GBS Insurance Agency Inc., Grona Boles Martin & Bloxsom Insurance, Hill County Insurance Agency, Insurance Associates of Texas, Insurance Net Inc., JHC Insurance Agency Inc., J. S. Edwards & Sherlock Insurance Agency, Lake Insurance Agency, Inc., McCorkle Commercial Insurance Agency, Mims & Smith, Mr. Insurance Agency, Inc., 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.