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**ERIE MAN WINS PBA DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

SCRANTON, Pa. – John D. Maleno of Maleno Real Estate Development in Erie was awarded the Pennsylvania Builder Association's Distinguished Achievement Award during the association's President's Installation Banquet at the Hilton on Friday. This is the association's highest honor.

Maleno was recognized with the statewide award based on his lifetime of achievement to both the housing industry and his surrounding community. More than 250 guests were on hand to applaud Maleno for his achievement.

PBA believes that its strength is most easily measured by the health not only of its state association, but by that of its local associations. Maleno has made significant contributions in both respects, and has served as president at each level.

In addition to his association presidencies, Maleno serves as the president of Builders Services Incorporated—the non-dues revenue entity of PBA—and as chairman of PBA's Insurance Committee. He has also served on the Marketing and Finance Committees, the Committee for Affordable Housing, and the Hammers and Gavels Club.

In his community, Maleno is known as a caring and successful homebuilder who has helped hundreds of families achieve their dreams of homeownership. He has been quoted as saying that "it

is so rewarding to build a home for a happy customer,” and that fulfillment like that is a “reward like no other.”

Maleno manages Maleno Real Estate Development—an Erie full-service real-estate firm that specializes in construction and land development, as well as property management and real estate sales—which he started in the early 1980’s, and that he runs with his wife and the help of his seven children.

**About PBA**

*Chartered in 1952, the Pennsylvania Builders Association is a nonprofit professional trade organization representing 8,200 member-companies from across the commonwealth. PBA members and their 255,000 employees include builders, remodelers, material suppliers, subcontractors, consultants, lending institutions, utilities and others involved in the housing industry.*

*PBA serves its membership by providing proactive leadership on state regulatory and legislative issues and by offering products and services to its 39 local associations and chapters that enhance the effectiveness and professionalism of its members. PBA serves Pennsylvania communities and consumers through its steadfast efforts to protect homeownership rights and advocate for affordable housing options. PBA is affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders.*

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