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Structural Engineers Association Celebrates Accomplishments of Fellow Members during National Engineers Week

San Diego, CA - The Structural Engineers Association of San Diego recently held their first annual ceremony recognizing accomplishments of Fellow Members who have had dramatic influences on structural engineering in San Diego. The ceremony was held on February 20th, during National Engineers Week, at the Doubletree Hotel Mission Valley. Highlights included the accomplishments and contributions of San Diego's first Fellows, Thomas G. Atkinson, S.E. and Albert J. Blaylock, S.E. Tom and Al, along with other Fellows, have been vital in the development of the structural engineering community in San Diego.

Mr. Atkinson and Mr. Blaylock are both charter members in the founding of San Diego's Structural Engineers Association in the mid-1960s and both served as Presidents of the regional San Diego and statewide California Structural Engineering Associations. Tom Atkinson's firm ran from 1953-2004, the longest continually practicing structural engineering firm in San Diego. His engineering is reflected throughout San Diego in association with landmarks such as the San Diego Convention Center, Latter-day Saints Temple, and the Shelter Island Fishing Pier.

Albert J. Blaylock founded his firm, presently Blaylock Engineering Group, in 1960. Al's engineering is reflected in many San Diego structures such as the original east and west terminals of the San Diego International Airport, structures at UCSD and SDSU, and numerous naval facilities in the San Diego area.

To date, the Structural Engineers Association of San Diego has reserved the distinction of Fellow for only eleven members. In addition to Mr. Atkinson and Mr. Blaylock, other Fellows include: James R. Libby, James A. Willis, Edwin H. Johnson, Mel Mark, Scott Stedman, Robert Burkett, Robert Hendershot, Ron Dahlin, and Charles Hope, Sr. All have a long history of contributions toward the betterment of the profession, including serving on technical boards, authoring publications, and mentoring many of today's prominent San Diego structural engineers. As engineers celebrated National Engineers Week around the country, SEAOSD was proud to honor our eminent Fellow Structural Engineers, all who have contributed toward the safety of San Diego's infrastructure.

The Structural Engineers Association of San Diego is a nonprofit organization of nearly 400 members dedicated to advancing the structural engineering profession, protecting public safety in the built environment, and serving the business and professional needs of the membership.