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Barney T. Bishop III- President and CEO

An outspoken advocate for the free enterprise system, Barney is the former president and CEO of Associated Industries of Florida (AIF), which is known as The Voice of Florida Business. AIF was founded in 1920 and is commonly referred to by the state press as “the most powerful business association in the state.” He has been lobbying since 1979 and was recently called “a business lobbyist icon” by a state newspaper.

A native-born Floridian, Barney founded two successful companies prior to joining AIF – a private detective agency in Orlando called TRAK in the 1970s and The Windsor Group, a strategic public affairs firm in Tallahassee for 12 years beginning in the 1990s. Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter Lucy Morgan named him to her 2010 list of the Top 40 Democrats in Florida, the only business association executive named in either political party. Barney was a weekly television political commentator on the Mike Vasilinda Show, and he has been quoted in the New York Times, the Washington Post and every major newspaper in the state. Barney also contributes to the Southern Political Reporter. He has appeared on national Fox News and Fox Business News, discussing such issues as mega-resorts and over-regulation by the EPA. He also is a former Executive Director of the Florida Democratic Party, and also worked for the then-Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers.

Barney’s civic accomplishments include an appointment by Governor Lawton Chiles to the Florida Commission on Community Service. He later chaired the Commission’s direct service organization called the Volunteer Florida Foundation. He was appointed by then-State Treasurer and Insurance Commissioner Bill Nelson to the Florida Hurricane Catastrophic Fund Advisory Council and served for the first six years of its existence (1994 – 2000). In 2003 he was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to a term on the Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University Board of Trustees. Mayor Scott Maddox appointed him to two terms on the City of Tallahassee Airport Advisory Committee, which he chaired in his second term. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Gubernatorial Fellows Program. He has served as Vice Chair of the State Association Group, the national organization for all of the Associated Industries in each state, and has also served on the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) Board of Directors.

He is a former president of the prestigious Governors Club in Tallahassee, and he currently serves on the boards of Florida TaxWatch’s Center for Smart Justice, the Collins Center for Public Policy, Economic Development Commission of Florida’s Space Coast, American Board of Physician Specialists – Internal Medicine Committee, and on the Tallahassee Advisory Board of Superior Bank. Barney is the current founding chair of the Volunteer USA Foundation and also serves as chair of the Florida Juvenile Justice Foundation. He was most

recently appointed by the Leon County Board of County Commissioners to the Board of Governors of the Leon Co. Research & Development Authority, which oversees the capital city's research and manufacturing district called Innovation Park.

He attended then-Miami-Dade Community College on a debate scholarship, then transferred to Emerson College in Boston, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in both Political and Judicial Communication, and in History. In 2008 he was inducted into the Miami Dade College Hall of Fame and he just finished serving his second term as co-chair of the Emerson College Board of Overseers.

Barney is married to the former Shelby Lynn Stinson of Montverde, FL, and she is the executive assistant to the Florida Secretary of State. They reside in Tallahassee.