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## Victory in Tallahassee

It is with great pride that I report that Senate Bill 404 was signed this past Wednesday by Governor Charlie Crist.

This law will permit our industry to continue the long-standing process of using engineered, well prepared, and documented design plans throughout the State. Additionally, it clarifies and establishes that the AAF Guide to Construction in High Wind Areas will continue as the prescriptive document that has been adopted into the Florida Building Code.

Since April 2006, our industry has been seriously impacted by the threat that Master File Engineering would be eliminated for this industry, but thanks to the efforts of the Florida Swimming Pool Association, the Alliance of Florida Contractors, the Florida Home Builders Association and the Aluminum Association of Florida, this matter has been resolved by the legislative process.

We would be remiss if we did not express our appreciation particularly to our General Counsel and Chief Lobbyist, Fred Dudley, for his guidance and advice during this lengthy period.

We know that our industry will continue in the efforts to improve the design of our structures. With the assistance of many engineers and contractors, some 14 meetings over the past year and a half helped produce the 2007 revision to the AAF Construction Guide, which will assist the hundreds of engineers and contractors throughout the State to design and build significantly better, stronger and more cost effective structures.

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