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FAIR AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER HONORED

TAMPA, FL

The Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce announced the winners of the 2011 Small Business of the Year Awards at a ceremony on Friday, September 16, at the Tampa Convention Center. Of the three finalists selected to be nominated for the Outstanding Leader Award, two were members of the Florida State Fair Authority Board: Olin Mott of Olin Mott Tire Stores and A.D. “Sandy” Mackinnon of Yale Lift Trucks.

Tampa businessman and Florida State Fair Authority Board Member Olin Mott was named as the 2011 Small Business Leader of the Year. Olin Mott opened the first location of Olin Mott Tire Stores in 1955 on Hillsborough Avenue. Since then, the company has grown to four company-owned locations and two franchise locations. Mott’s dedication to his customers and employees is paramount; one great example is his financing of an employee’s dream – resulting in Big John’s Alabama Barbeque.

“Mr. Mott is not only an outstanding businessman, he is dedicated to the community as well,” said Florida State Fair Authority Executive Director Chuck Pesano. “He was instrumental in establishing the Michelin/Joshua House Golf Classic in 1994 and Tutor-a-Bull in 2005, a partnership between the Michelin Golf Classic, the USF College of Education and Hillsborough County Public Schools designed to provide one-on-one tutoring for middle and high-school students.” Pesano added.

“We are very proud of Mr. Mott’s accomplishments over the years, and especially to have him as a member of the Florida State Fair Authority Board,” Pesano concluded.

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