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RBC WEALTH MANAGEMENT'S WILL HARDEE AMONG BARRON'S

"TOP 1000 FINANCIAL ADVISERS" IN 2011 FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

HOUSTON, Texas (Mar. 17, 2011) – H.H. “Will” Hardee, Accredited Wealth Manager, Senior Vice President - Financial Advisor at RBC Wealth Management, has been named as one of America’s best Financial Advisors (FA) in the February 21 issue of *Barron's*, featuring the “Top 1000 Financial Advisors” in the United States, for the second consecutive year. Hardee was one of thirteen RBC Wealth Management FAs to make the Barron’s list, and only one of two RBC Wealth Management FAs in Texas to be ranked.

Barron's is a national financial newspaper published by Dow Jones & Company, which also publishes the *Wall Street Journal*. The nominees for the list are ranked based on several factors, including quality of service, assets under management, and regulatory records.

During his tenure at RBC Wealth Management, Hardee has been in the top 1% of his peer group and named a member of the Chairman's Council, RBC Wealth Management’s most esteemed recognition program, since joining the firm in 1994. He was awarded designation as a Top Advisor in 2008 for both Reuter's AdvicePoint as well as *The Houston Business Journal*; Hardee was also named to RBC Wealth Management's Senior Portfolio Manager Group. Additionally, he was profiled in the prestigious *Research Magazine*. The Hardee Investment group currently advises/manages over \$400 million in assets. Hardee's expertise is offering advice on advanced investment strategies, retirement planning, and estate and trust planning strategies to high net worth individuals, small to mid sized corporations and foundations.

Hardee currently serves on the Board of Directors of Harvest Natural Resources, a NYSE listed company. He holds an Accredited Wealth Management designation, as well as a certification of Director Education from the NACD Corporate Directors Institute. Furthermore, Hardee is an active member of his community and is also involved with a number of national and local charitable organizations.

For additional information about The Hardee Investment Group, please visit our website at www.HardeeInvestmentGroup.com.

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