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LITDA Announces 2019 Hall of Fame Honoree, J.N. Walpole

Baton Rouge, La. – The Louisiana Independent Tire Dealers Association (LITDA) is excited to announce that J.N. Walpole, Ruston, La., is the 2019 Hall of Fame recipient. LITDA honored Walpole at the 2019 Hall of Fame Induction Banquet on April 5, 2019 at the IP Casino Resort located at 850 Bayview Ave, Biloxi, MS during its [Annual Convention and Tradeshow](#).

J.N. Walpole was born on May 13, 1928, in Choudrant, LA and graduated from Choudrant High School in 1945. He graduated from Louisiana Polytechnic in 1949 with a degree in Business Administration. After working a short time in Shreveport, he was drafted into the US Army in 1959. During his two-year stint in the Army, he married Ruth O’Neal. Upon his honorable discharge as a Staff Sergeant, he worked four years managing Sibley General Merchandise.

J.N. opened Walpole Tire Service in August of 1956 with three employees. Throughout the years the store expanded to better meet the needs of Ruston, Lincoln Parish, and the surrounding parishes. Walpole Tire Service continues to grow and has served the community for 63 years and will continue to do so.

J.N. was a member of the Independent Tire Dealers Association for many years. He has received several awards including a Loyalty Award honoring J.N. for 60 years of service, a Lifetime Service Award for 58 years of visionary leadership and untiring service by the Walpole Tire Service Organization and the Robert E. Russ award which is the most prestigious honor for Lincoln Parish. J.N. and his wife, Ruth, now have four children, ten grandchildren, and eighteen great-grandchildren.

The award was accepted by J.N. Walpole’s son, Neal Walpole, on his father’s behalf.

The LITDA Hall of Fame is given to the individuals who have played a significant role in the growth and development of the Tire Industry and the Louisiana Independent Tire Dealers Association. The Hall of Fame Induction Banquet not only honored Walpole but offered those in attendance an opportunity to network with others in the tire industry while enjoying cocktails and great local food.

For more information on next year’s Annual Convention & Tradeshow, please visit the LITDA website at www.litda.org or contact the LITDA office at (225) 767-7640 or litda@tاتمangroup.com.

About LITDA

The Louisiana Independent Tire Dealers Association serves as a benefit to all Independent Tire & Automotive Service Dealers along with their suppliers and employees. The purpose of LITDA is to encourage an exchange of ideas, technical knowledge, and retailing/wholesaling procedures, while improving the quality and standards of the products in the new tire and automotive industry. Additionally, LITDA promotes standards of ethics of its members and the tire industry, while promoting harmony, good will, and understanding among its members.

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