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**Marvin Girouard honored as Fort Worth's Outstanding
Business Executive of 2002**

FORT WORTH, Sept. 30 – Marvin Girouard, chairman of the board and chief executive officer for Pier 1 Imports Inc., will be honored as Fort Worth's Outstanding Business Executive of 2002 at the 33rd annual Business Hall of Fame Dinner on Thursday, Oct. 10 at the Fort Worth Club. A reception begins at 6 p.m. in the Trinity Room, followed by the dinner and program at 7 p.m. in the Horizon Room. Individual tickets are available for \$250 or a table of ten for \$2,500. For more information, please call the office of the president at 817-531-4401. All proceeds benefit the scholarship program for the Texas Wesleyan University's School of Business. The attire is black tie optional.

Sponsors for the Business Hall of Fame Dinner include Texas Wesleyan University, the Fort Worth Business Press and the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce. Keynote speaker is Roger Staubach, chief executive officer and chairman of the board for the Staubach Company. Tom Thomas, partner with Kolodey, Thomas & Blackwood, L.L.P. of Dallas, Texas, will deliver the speech entitled, "Remarks of a Friend."

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Girouard earned a Bachelor's of Business Administration in Marketing degree from Texas A&M University in 1961. He served in the Navy for five years, including combat duty in Vietnam, and is a retired U.S. Naval Reserve Commander. Girouard began his 27- year career with Pier 1 Imports Inc. in 1975 as a buyer. In 1985, Girouard was named senior vice president of merchandising, and in 1988, he was elected president and named chief operating officer. Ten years later, Girouard was promoted to chief executive officer, and in 1999, he was elected to serve as chairman of the board.

Girouard serves on the board of directors for Tandy Brands Accessories Inc., Brinker International, Neptune Orient Lines of Singapore, and the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce. Girouard has received numerous awards, which include the 1994 Hugh Downs Award from the U.S. Committee for the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF); 2000 Father of the Year Award in the DFW metroplex; 2001 Torch of Conscience Award from the American Jewish Congress; and the 2002 Distinguished Alumni Award at Texas A&M University.

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