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**MINNEAPOLIS -- July 16, 2008 --** Joseph S. Burgess, a financial advisor with North Star Resource Group in Minneapolis, has been awarded the ACCREDITED INVESTMENT FIDUCIARY® designation from the Center for Fiduciary Studies. The AIF designation signifies training in fiduciary responsibility and follows a two-and-a-half day course and examination.

Burgess, a resident of Maple Grove, has been a financial advisor with North Star Resource Group since 1996 and specializes in personal financial planning and qualified retirement plans. He is a member of Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) – a prestigious industry association for top-performing advisors and is a registered representative with CRI Securities, Llc, and Securian Financial Services, Inc, Members FINRA/SIPC.

Burgess is also active in the community. He serves on the National Alumni Board for St. John's University and coaches youth basketball at Cedarcrest Academy in Maple Grove, where he lives with this wife, Meghan and two children.

### **About North Star Resource Group**

North Star Resource Group is a Minneapolis-based financial services firm that helps individuals and businesses create, preserve and protect their wealth. The firm has offices in nine states, and through its 200 financial advisors provides financial security for individuals and businesses in the form of financial planning, life and disability insurance, retirement plans and investments, long-term care and employee benefits. As for December 31, 2007, North Star Resource Group had more than \$4 billion in client holdings and more than \$19 billion in life insurance in force. For more information, visit [www.northstarfinancial.com](http://www.northstarfinancial.com).

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