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**ATLANTA HOME BUILDER INNOVATES BY OFFERING
JOB PROTECTION INSURANCE TO ITS HOMEBUYERS**

Lose your job? Builder's program will make the mortgage payments

ATLANTA (March 11, 2009) – Responding to the challenges in the current economy, Atreus Homes & Communities today announced a new, innovative program to provide new home buyers with peace of mind – an insurance program that will make their mortgage payments should they lose their jobs within the first two years of owning their new home.

The program, called AtreusAssurance™, is initially being offered in conjunction with America Home Key Mortgage, but may be expanded to include other lender partners the Atlanta-based builder uses.

Eligible homebuyers who lose their full-time job within the first two years of home ownership would have their mortgage payments up to \$2,000 made for them each month for up to six months.

“We recognize that things are challenging, and there’s a lot of fear out there, some justified, some not,” noted Atreus Homes CEO Jon Been. “This requires home builders to innovate. With AtreusAssurance™, our customers can buy a new Atreus home confident that they’ve made the right decision today.”

Atreus Homes plans to offer the program in other cities where Atreus Homes builds, including Charlotte, Raleigh, Phoenix and Albuquerque.

Homeowners must have had a full-time job for at least 12 weeks working a minimum of 30 hours a week to be eligible for the program, and must hold their job for a 60-day vesting period immediately following closing.

“In the past, home builders have offered their customers extra incentives, like appliances, or upgrades,” noted Darren Drevik, VP of Marketing US for Atreus Homes. “Today, buyers want peace-of-mind. That’s the best incentive we can offer – that our buyers won’t live to regret investing in a new Atreus home.”

More information about AtreusAssurance™ is available at the company’s website, www.AtreusHomes.com.

Atreus Homes & Communities, formerly HomeLife Communities, is a third-generation family-run homebuilder headquartered in Atlanta that is currently selling new homes in more than 80 neighborhoods nationwide. The company currently builds in Atlanta, Raleigh, Charlotte, Phoenix and Albuquerque, with prices ranging from townhomes in the low \$100’s to detached homes from the \$140’s to the high \$200’s. The company has built three homes for deserving families in conjunction with ABC-TV’s Extreme Makeover: Home Edition.

