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Baton Rouge Realtor® Receives State Distinguished Service Award

BATON ROUGE, LA -- The Louisiana REALTORS® Association (LR) has selected Lynda Butler, a REALTOR® with Burns & Company, in Baton Rouge, as the recipient of the Lawrence R. DeMarcay Distinguished Service Award. The presentation was made during the association's "REAL Issues" Spring Conference in Baton Rouge on May 6.

"This year's recipient has set the standard for leadership through her professionalism in real estate and REALTOR organization service," said Malcolm Young, CEO of Louisiana REALTORS®. Because of her vision and ability to motivate other volunteers, Butler was instrumental in bringing Louisiana's real estate education into national prominence in the early 90s. She has served as a mediator for her local board and served on numerous occasions on the state level as chairman of both the Professional Standards and Grievance Teams.

In 2005, when she was state President, after Katrina and Rita hit the Gulf Coast, her leadership and compassion for her fellow REALTORS led to the establishment of the Louisiana REALTORS Disaster Relief Fund, the processing of over 1,000 applications for disaster relief, and \$700,000 in financial aid. Her dedication and leadership continues today to help and lead others to success.

The Lawrence R. DeMarcay, Jr. Distinguished Service Award, named in honor of the dedication to the REALTOR® organization by the late, prominent New Orleans REALTOR® has been presented to a handful of REALTOR® leaders over the years who have exhibited extraordinary commitment and performance in political and/or community involvement. Past recipients have held leadership positions at the state and local level, with at least 15 years of service to LR.

The mission of Louisiana REALTORS® is to provide leadership for the enhancement of the real estate industry in Louisiana and assist REALTOR® members in the profitable and ethical operation of their business. LR represents its membership on important real estate-related issues to state and federal government, while providing legal assistance, professional development opportunities, discounts and unique services for its membership of over 12,000 REALTORS® statewide.

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