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### **Metairie Broker Named Louisiana REALTOR® of the Year**

**BATON ROUGE, LA** -- Louisiana REALTORS® (LR) has named Lynda Nugent Smith of Keller Williams Realty in Metairie, Louisiana as the 2009 Louisiana REALTOR® of the Year. The announcement was made during the association's annual "REALTOR Action!" Spring Conference in Baton Rouge on Thursday, April 29, 2010.

"Her high energy, enthusiasm, vision, and ability to lead and inspire has given her a stellar reputation from real estate sales to home building and everything in between," said Ron Brooks, program presenter and 2008 state REALTOR of the Year. "She is a star in our industry and a true community servant."

"Lynda has regularly assisted the Louisiana REALTORS and local associations with assistance in the legislative area," said LR Chief Executive Officer Malcolm Young. "She has always had a strong understanding of the issues and maintained a great working relationship with our Washington Congressional delegation." Nugent Smith has also served at the pleasure of former governors on task forces for Formosan termites and wetlands, and represented the REALTORS® and Homebuilders on the Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission and Kenner Economic Development Committees.

Nugent Smith was among the first women to work as a homebuilder in Louisiana, and one of the first Team managers in Louisiana for Keller Williams. She has been honored by the New Orleans Metropolitan Association of REALTORS numerous times from both the residential and commercial sectors, receiving such awards as REALTOR® of the Year, Distinguished Service Award and Manager of the Year.

The Louisiana REALTOR® of the Year award was first established in 1958 to recognize the REALTOR® member who has contributed most to the advancement of their profession and the community at large during the current year. Nominees for the award are based on the suggestions of the local Boards of REALTORS® and associations throughout the state, with the recipient being chosen by a special LR selection committee.

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 10,000 REALTORS® statewide.

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