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Doug Hartmann, Jr. of Century 21 Hartmann REALTORS® Recognized as Local REALTOR® of the Year

Glen Carbon, IL — Doug Hartmann, Jr. of Century 21 Hartmann REALTORS® was named 2011 REALTOR® of the Year by the Greater Gateway Association of REALTORS® (GGAR) and will receive special recognition and a prestigious award during the Illinois Association of REALTORS® (IAR) state banquet on April 6 in Springfield.

Doug has been involved in his family's real estate business since childhood when he realized his passion for the business. In 1998 he started investing in residential real estate, earning his salesperson license in 1999 and broker license in 2003. In 2007, Doug purchased the family business and formed Century 21 Hartmann REALTORS®.

Doug was a member of GGAR's Board of Directors from 2006 through 2010, serving as Chairman of the Board in 2009. He was also a member of the Southwestern Illinois Regional Multiple Listing Service from 2003 through 2010, serving as President in 2008.

In addition to the time and effort he lends to GGAR, Doug is also a member of the Collinsville Progress Committee and the Metro East Landlord's Association.

Doug has tirelessly served GGAR over the years without expecting anything in return, simply to benefit the overall membership. He is well respected and has the background, knowledge, and skills to accomplish even the most difficult tasks, and therefore, is frequently asked to take on new projects – and despite family obligations, always finds the time to accept. Doug's unselfish contributions to GGAR and its members make him the stand out recipient for this award.

The REALTOR® of the Year award is presented annually to one member of the Association who best exemplifies the professional qualities of a REALTOR®. It is based on a person's service and leadership in community and civic affairs as well as activities within the Association. Proceeds for the banquet benefit the work of the Foundation, a not-for-profit organization that promotes research and academic advancement in real estate subjects through a series of grants and scholarships.

The Greater Gateway Association of REALTORS® serves nearly 1,000 REALTOR® and affiliate members in the southwestern Illinois region including the counties of Bond, Calhoun, Fayette, Jersey, Macoupin, Madison, Monroe, and Montgomery. The Association strives to promote education, professionalism, and ethical conduct in the real estate industry; to advocate for the protection of property rights; to assist in providing Americans with safe and affordable housing; and to further the interest of property ownership.