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## **Gerry Schuetzenhofer of Coldwell Banker Brown REALTORS® Recognized as Local REALTOR® of the Year**

Glen Carbon, IL — Gerry Schuetzenhofer of Coldwell Banker Brown REALTORS® was named 2009 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 in September in Lombard.

Gerry became a licensed REALTOR® in 1981 and is currently the broker owner of Coldwell Banker Brown REALTORS® in Edwardsville. He was elected to the Board of Directors in 2001 and served as Chairman of the Board during the 2004/2005 term. In 2005, Gerry also served on the Illinois Association of REALTORS® Finance Committee. In 2006, he served on the Illinois Association of REALTORS® Business Issues/License Law Working Group and Finance Committee and was the vice chairman of the Spring Conference Working Group. Also that year, Gerry was personally invited to join the National Association of REALTORS® Conventional Finance and Lending Committee, on which he served for one term. In 2007, Gerry served on the Illinois Association of REALTORS Professional Development Member Involvement group and was chairman of the Spring Conference Working Group. In 2008, he served on the Illinois Association of REALTORS® Broker/Lawyer Liaison Committee, Economic Development Committee, and Spring Conference Working Group Committee.

In addition to his work in the real estate industry, Gerry is a Past President of the Edwardsville Rotary Club and served on the Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois and the SIUE Foundation.

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 over 1,200 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 continue to be an advocate for the protection of property rights, and to further the interest of residential and other real estate property ownership.

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