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**Pat Walker of Prudential One Realty Centre
Recognized as Local REALTOR® of the Year**

Glen Carbon, IL — Pat Walker of Prudential One Realty Centre in Edwardsville was recently named 2010 REALTOR® of the Year by the Greater Gateway Association of REALTORS® (GGAR). She received special recognition and a prestigious award on March 24 at the Illinois Association of REALTORS® state banquet sponsored by the Illinois Real Estate Educational Foundation (photo attached).

Pat became a licensed REALTOR® in 1990, earned her broker license in 1999, and currently works for Prudential One Realty Centre in Edwardsville. She was elected to the Board of Directors in 2004 and served as Chairman of the Board during the 2007-2008 term. Pat is currently co-chairman of the Community Involvement Committee and has also served on the MLS, Contracts, Bylaws, Awards, Programs, and Grievance Committees for GGAR and has assisted her office with the Christmas With Santa toy collection drive since 1997. Pat has also served on committees at the state level, including the Spring Conference Committee and Business and License Law Issues task force.

In addition to her work in the real estate industry, Pat is an avid supporter of charities, including the Women's Crisis Center, ABL, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Pregnancy Help Center in Highland, T.H.A.N.K.S., and Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. She is highly dedicated to GGAR, her clients, and the community.

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 local, state, and national real estate associations. 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, to assist in providing Americans with safe and affordable housing, and to further the interest of residential and other real estate property ownership.