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### **Oregon Association of REALTORS® announces REALTOR® OF THE YEAR**

Lake Tahoe, Nevada – September 28, 2007 – Oregon Association of REALTORS® announced today that Cynthia Balzola is the 2007 Oregon REALTOR® of the Year. The coveted award, the highest granted by the association, was bestowed in Lake Tahoe at the 2007 Convention for Oregon REALTORS®, a professional organization representing more than 18,000 members statewide.

Balzola, a former association president, won the award based on service to local, state, and national levels of the REALTOR® organization, the largest trade organization in America, with over 1.3 million members involved in all aspects of the residential and commercial real estate industries.

Balzola is a broker with Prudential NW Properties in Lake Oswego. She has chaired the HOME Foundation task force, presided over the Portland Metropolitan Association of REALTORS®, and steadfastly fought to prohibit new taxes on home ownership, keep banks out of real estate brokerage, and provide a voice for balance in livability, affordability and economic growth in Oregon land use regulation and legislation.

The award is based on the recommendation of the Board of Directors and an Executive Committee comprised of past winners of the award. [www.oregonrealtors.org](http://www.oregonrealtors.org)

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