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BALZOLA NAMED OREGON REALTOR® OF THE YEAR

Lake Tahoe, Nevada – September 28, 2007 – Oregon Association of REALTORS® honored Cynthia Balzola today as 2007 Oregon REALTOR® of the Year. This is the highest award given by the organization, which represents over 18,000 members state-wide.

In 2007, Balzola took the helm as the first Ombudsman for the Oregon Association of REALTORS®. Previously, she was 2005 State President and also a former President of Portland Metropolitan Association of REALTORS®.

During her career, Balzola chaired the task force for the Oregon Association of REALTORS® non-profit HOME Foundation, which provides grants to organizations that assist low-income Oregonians to achieve home ownership.

The 2007 REALTOR® of the Year award was presented to Balzola in recognition for her contribution and service to local, state and national levels of the REALTOR® organization and the industry.

Balzola is a broker with Prudential NW Properties in Lake Oswego, Oregon. She has been married to Peter Balzola for 40 years and is the mother of two grown children, Michelle Krewson and Anthony Balzola. She enjoys reading, skiing, golf, biking, roller blading, and gourmet cooking.

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