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## **Patrick Murphy of West Des Moines Receives Award from the Iowa Association of REALTORS®**

**CLIVE, IOWA (Nov. 18, 2009)** – Patrick Murphy of West Des Moines recently received the O.G. Powell/Joan Ballantyne Distinguished Service Award from the Iowa Association of REALTORS® (IAR). The IAR presented the award at its Inaugural Gala held this fall in Council Bluffs.

The O.G. Powell/Joan Ballantyne Distinguished Service Award, the highest IAR honor, is given to individuals who have made significant contributions to the Iowa Association of REALTORS® over a long period of time.

Murphy has been a licensed REALTOR® in Iowa since 1971, and a real estate agent at Prudential First Realty in West Des Moines since 2000. “Patrick has a wonderful political mind and is very dedicated to helping the real estate profession move forward,” explains Carey Jensen, president of the IAR. “He has served as a strong leader and role model in both the IAR and his community for many years.”

Murphy has been active in the IAR for over 35 years and served as president in 1996. He received the IAR REALTOR® of the Year Award in 1997 and the L. Martin Lee Political Involvement Award in 2007. Murphy has been a REALTOR® Political Action Committee (RPAC) contributor for more than two decades and chaired the public policy coordinating committee multiple times. He continues to serve on the IAR’s legislative committee as well as its board of directors.

Murphy’s response to receiving this latest award is emblematic of his focus. “Working with the IAR has always been my way of giving something back to the profession that has given me so

much,” says Murphy. “I never expected recognition for anything I’ve done, I did it because it was the right thing to do. I am truly humbled by this award, in particular because it represents everything I’ve built my business on - devotion, honesty, fairness and hard work.”

“Patrick has always effectively combined politics with his professional and personal life, providing leadership in the real estate industry, and also serving as a leader in his community,” says Jensen. He served on his hometown city council for more than eight years and was its Mayor Pro Tem. He was appointed by former Governor Brandstad and also former Governor Vilsack to serve on special task forces to study property tax reform. He has also held numerous leadership roles on his local board.

Murphy is also involved with the Homebuilder Development Council, and devotes time and resources to several local charities.

The O.G. Powell Award was first presented in 1985, given in honor of O.G. “Bill” Powell, a Des Moines REALTOR® who served as president of his local board in 1947, president of the IAR in 1951, and president of the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) in 1961. Powell is the only Iowa REALTOR® to serve as NAR president. In 2009 the name of the award was adapted to also honor another Iowa REALTOR® who has gained national recognition. Joan Ballantyne served as president of the IAR in 1981 and received the NAR Distinguished Service Award in 2000. She also served as national president of the Women’s Council of REALTORS® in 1988. This is the first year (2009) the newly created O.G. Powell/Joan Ballantyne Distinguished Service Award has been given. The Iowa Association of REALTORS® is the state’s largest real estate professional organization representing more than 7,000 members and affiliates.

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