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Iowa State Senator Michael Gronstal Receives Award from the Iowa Association of REALTORS®

CLIVE, IOWA (Oct. 9, 2008) – Michael Gronstal, State Senator from Council Bluffs, recently received the L. Martin Lee Political Involvement Award from the Iowa Association of REALTORS® (IAR). The IAR presented the award and other special awards at its Inaugural Gala on Sept. 17 in West Des Moines.

Terry Knapp, president of the IAR, says Gronstal has provided leadership on a wide variety of private property rights issues since coming to office more than 20 years ago. “Senator Gronstal is a strong advocate for private property rights and supports issues concerning homeowners,” explains Knapp. “In addition, he has an outstanding ability to build trust and relationships, which make him so effective in his position,” says Knapp.



Senator Gronstal receives the L. Martin Lee Award, presented by Patrick Murphy, Des Moines REALTOR® and last year's recipient of the award.

Gronstal was honored to receive the award from the IAR, which he credits as helping to create strong communities across the state. “I believe the single most important thing that ties people to their communities is homeownership. When you own a home, you become a part of

that community and care about what happens to that community,” explains Gronstal. “The REALTORS® play an important role in helping people achieve the dream of homeownership, and in turn, help Iowa's communities become stronger. This award was a surprise and one that I truly appreciate receiving.”

The prestigious L. Martin Lee Political Involvement Award recognizes an individual who has significantly advanced the legislative agenda of the IAR through political involvement. The Award was first presented in 2002, named after IAR’s chief executive officer, L. Martin Lee. Senator Gronstal is the first non-REALTOR® to receive the award. 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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