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WISE-CASTNER NAMED STATE REALTOR® OF THE YEAR

(Indianapolis, IN) – Citing her as an advocate for the profession, the real estate industry at-large and property owners on the local, state and national levels, Versailles' Mary Ann Wise-Castner was named the 2009 State REALTOR® of the Year (ROTY) at the Indiana Association of REALTORS® (IAR) annual Fall Conference. Wise-Castner was selected from a group of 22 nominees, all of whom were their local REALTOR® Board/Association ROTYs. Wise-Castner was the Southeastern Indiana Board of REALTORS® ROTY.

"I am honored, humbled and so proud to be a REALTOR®," said Wise-Castner as she accepted her award. "As REALTORS® we work very hard and to be chosen from among so many deserving REALTORS® is unbelievable."

Wise-Castner has been involved with various REALTOR® organizations for more than 20 years, serving in many leadership roles throughout her career.

She is past President of the Southeastern Indiana Board of REALTORS® and its Multiple Listing Service (MLS). Currently she serves as Chairman of the Board's MLS committee and is a member of the MLS Board of Directors. In 2008, she designed and facilitated the first strategic planning retreat for the Board and the MLS.

She serves as an instructor at the Southeastern Career Center, where she began teaching the Indiana Salesperson Pre-Licensing Course in 1979.

On the state level, she is past IAR President (1997) and current member of the Board of Directors, a position she has held since 1988. She is a recipient of the Dick Snyder Award for her work on the IAR education committee and was named the Most Productive Committee Member for her work on the state RPAC committee.

The National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) has also seen the hard work of Wise-Castner. She has served on many NAR committees, has been an NAR Director and served as both Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Medium State Sub-Forum to NAR's Leadership Forum for state association officers.

Along with her REALTOR® activities, Wise-Castner's community involvement includes current membership of the Margaret Mary Community Hospital Board of Directors, for which she is now Secretary. She is a member of the Southeastern Career Center Building Trades Advisory Board and is a charter member of MITBCC. She collaborated with the Director of Ripley County Division of Children and Family Services and a local pediatrician in chartering the Ripley County Chapter for Prevention of Child Abuse. Wise-Castner helped to co-found a local performing arts group. She has served Tri Kappa both on the state and local levels, including Province Officer and has chaired the Versailles Pumpkin Show Art Show.

Wise-Castner is the broker-owner of Realty Exchange in Versailles, which she established in 1982.

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