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THE REALTOR® ASSOCIATION OF GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE, INC.
HOSTS 2009 INSTALLATION BANQUET & AWARDS GALA
*Association Inducts New President, Board of Directors and
Recognizes Outstanding Members at Cuban-Themed Event*

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. - (January 14, 2009) – Set to a Cuban-inspired theme of “A Night in Havana”, the REALTOR® Association of Greater Fort Lauderdale, Inc. (RAGFL) recognized its leading members Friday, Jan. 9 during its 2009 Installation Banquet & Awards Gala at the Fort Lauderdale Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six.

Members, sponsors, government officials and special guests were welcomed in the resort’s Pier Top and Crystal Ballroom by entertaining Cuban-themed song & dance performances. Gathered together, the guests enjoyed great company, exquisite cuisine and an evening of nonstop entertainment.

The program was highlighted by the induction of RAGFL’s 2009 president and Board of Directors, presentation of its REALTOR® of the Year Award and recognition of individuals who contributed to RAGFL’s success during the previous year.

Jesse Acevedo, ABR, e-Pro of ERA Ace Realty & Investment, Inc. was installed as the Association’s 2009 President and Brenda G. Ghibaudi, CRS, PMN of Prudential Florida 1st Realty was inducted as 2009 President-Elect. 2008 RAGFL president Randolph H. Bates, e-PRO, GRI of Ivan J. Smith & Co., REALTORS® was installed as Immediate Past President, Noel A. Edwards, owner of Sabrina Realty Inc. was installed as Vice-President, Margaret E. Allen, e-PRO, GRI of Century 21 Hansen Realty was installed as Treasurer and Judith W. Zimmer of Prudential Florida 1st Realty was installed as Secretary. Formally assuming office as directors were Francisco J. Angulo, ABR, CRS, CRB, CIPS, E-PRO, TRC, GRI of Century 21 United Properties; Marlene J. Katkin of Keller Williams Realty Professional; Herman “Leo” Kentolall, TRC of Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate; Sonny Maken, CCIM of The Maken Group and Terri J. Stewart, CRS, GRI, MBA, JD, LLM of Terri J. Stewart.

Dorine L. Longhini, CIPS, CRS, PMN of Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate was recognized as REALTOR® of the Year, while U.S. Rep. Joseph Gibbons (D-105) was honored with the Political Appreciation Award and Tod Weston of Coastal Title Insurance was named Affiliate of the Year. The Realtor® Appreciation Award was presented to former RAGFL staffer Paulette Lee-Sue. RAGFL counsel Stephen J. Simmons and 2008 SOCR President Brad Fitzgerald received Presidential Distinguished Service Awards.

The REALTOR® Association of Greater Fort Lauderdale, Inc. is one of the largest REALTOR® Associations in Florida, representing more than 8,000 real estate professionals in Broward, Dade and Palm Beach Counties. More information can be found at www.R-World.com.

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