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### Ragsdale Receives Highest REALTOR Honor

Cheryl Ragsdale, REALTOR from Farmington, was honored as recipient of the REALTORS Association of New Mexico's (RANM) highest honor – being named 2011 REALTOR of the Year.

Ragsdale received this award during ceremonies at the RANM Awards and Recognition Gala, part of RANM's Annual Fall Conference, September 15th. The Gala was held at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

The RANM REALTOR of the Year is awarded annually to an outstanding leader who has committed time, talent, and expertise to the REALTOR organization, their community, and to furthering the real estate profession.

Cheryl Ragsdale earned her real estate license in 1991. She currently is the qualifying broker/owner of United Country Accent Realty in Farmington. Ragsdale has earned her CRS (Certified Residential Specialist), e-PRO, and GRI (Graduate, REALTOR Institute) professional designations.

Ragsdale's real estate career not only includes success as a real estate professional, but hours of service to the San Juan County Board of REALTORS, the REALTORS Association of New Mexico, and the city of Farmington.

She has served on nearly every San Juan County Board committee; is currently serving as Board President (her third term); and was named Board REALTOR of the Year in 1999 and again in 2004.

Cheryl Ragsdale has also served RANM in many leadership capacities beginning in 1996 as Northwest District Vice President. Ragsdale has served as a trustee of the Stanley H. Mathis Foundation, director of the RANM Benevolent Fund, and as a member and chairman of many other state committees. In 2005 Ragsdale served as President of the REALTORS Association of New Mexico. Currently she is Chairman of the New Mexico REALTORS Political Action Committee and a member of the 2011 Nominating Committee, Budget and Finance Task Force, and RANM Board of Directors.

Ragsdale is a member of the Farmington Planning and Zoning Committee and has been a member of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce Red Coats since 1985.

Ragsdale will be honored with other state REALTORS of the Year during the National Association of REALTORS Annual Convention, November 9-14 in Anaheim, California.

*The REALTORS Association of New Mexico is one of the state's largest trade associations, representing over 6,000 members involved in all aspects of the residential and commercial real estate markets throughout New Mexico.*

Photo of Cheryl Ragsdale attached.