

Birmingham Association of REALTORS® Proud to Announce Two GRI Graduates

Birmingham, AL- December 29, 2018 – The Birmingham Association of REALTORS® (BAR) has a strong commitment to professionalism in the real estate industry and preparing our members for superior customer service. BAR is pleased and proud to announce that two of its members, Linda Y. Brooks, of RealtySouth- 1459, and Ralph Parker, of Keller Williams Vestavia have recently completed the final course of the Alabama Graduate REALTOR® Institute (GRI).

By successfully completing all the REALTOR® institute courses, a student is awarded the nationally recognized, GRI designation. The GRI consists of 60 hours of real estate instruction including such topics as Working with Buyers, Working with Sellers, Professionalism, Accountability & Development, Real Estate Contracts and Real Estate Technology. The designation is awarded exclusively to REALTORS®, members of the National Association of REALTORS®, who are bound to a code of ethics. Only members of the National Association may call themselves REALTORS®. Less than 15% of all members nationally attain this prestigious designation.

Ms. Brooks attended North Carolina Central University with a major in Business Administration and served over a decade in the banking industry. Mr. Parker, is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, retired U.S. Postal Service worker and attended Bessemer State Technical College with a major in accounting. BAR CEO, Dr. Dawn Kennedy, states, “Many of our professional REALTORS® come from varied educational and occupational backgrounds and find the real estate industry an incredible place to exercise their prior skills and education, while walking their clients through one of the most common largest financial transactions of a lifetime. We are extremely proud of our members continued commitment to service excellence.”

The Alabama GRI program is offered throughout the state by the Alabama Association of REALTORS and is approved and certified by the National Association of REALTORS, the nation’s largest trade association with 1.2 million members. For more information on the Alabama GRI program, visit www.alabamarealtors.com/GRI.

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