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Texas Association of REALTORS® endorses Judith Zaffirini
Texas' largest association pledges its support

January 31, 2008 – AUSTIN – The Texas Association of REALTORS® today announced its decision to endorse Judith Zaffirini in her re-election to the Texas Senate to represent District 21. Making the statement last week, Chairman Randy Jeffers applauded Ms. Zaffirini's unyielding commitment to Texas homeowners.

"Real estate continues to be a driving economic force in Texas," said Jeffers. "Judith Zaffirini has vowed to represent the concerns of Texas homeowners, which is why the Texas Association of Realtors has pledged its full support and endorsement."

Currently, Texas ranks 42nd out of 50 states in homeownership. Electing lawmakers who understand homeowners' concerns and act accordingly to bolster homeownership in Texas is the association's top priority this election season. As a member of the Texas Senate for more than 20 years, Ms. Zaffirini has been involved in the political process at all levels, promoting policies and supporting candidates who advocate property rights and homeownership throughout the state.

"I am honored to have the endorsement of the 90,000 members of the Texas Association of Realtors," Ms. Zaffirini said. "As small business owners, Texas Realtors make the dream of homeownership more affordable for all Texans and I will strive to help support this important goal."

With more than 90,000 members statewide, the Texas Association of Realtors expects to be a considerable grassroots force for Judith Zaffirini.

Texas Realtors have championed a number of legislative issues enhancing the lives of Texans, such as billions in property tax reductions in 2006, preventing a tax of \$600 or more on the personal vehicles of independent Texans and supporting consumer protections in home equity lending, to which many attribute Texas' resilient real estate market. To learn more about Texas Realtors' legislative advocacy on behalf of its members and homeowners, visit TexasRealEstate.com.

About the Texas Association of Realtors

The Texas Association of REALTORS® is a not-for-profit professional association comprised of more than 90,000 members representing all aspects of real estate in Texas. We advocate on behalf of Texas Realtors and private property owners. Visit TexasRealEstate.com to learn more.

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