Honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.

"We are proud to be involved in the creation of this memorial to honor a man who dedicated his life to championing freedom, opportunity and justice," said NAR President, Pat Vredevoogd Combs. "REALTORS® are among the most ardent fair housing supporters and champion the rights of equal opportunity and cultural diversity in our nation's communities. We are strongly committed to advancing Dr. King’s legacy."

Everyday, REALTORS® play a vital role in advancing fair housing laws, helping ensure equal access to housing so that all Americans can achieve the dream of homeownership. On February 27, 2007 the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® became the most recent million dollar sponsor of the newest, and perhaps most anticipated, memorial on Washington D.C.’s National Mall honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.

In 1996 Congress passed joint resolutions to establish a memorial honoring Dr. King to be built in Washington, D.C. and completion is expected by late 2008. Adjacent to the F.D.R. Memorial and in a direct line between the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, this monument is conceived as an engaging landscape experience to foster understanding and inspire peaceful progress toward equality for all people. The Memorial will use natural features to powerfully convey recurring themes from King’s work of justice, democracy and hope. Drawing from Dr. King’s rich language, many elements are inscribed with excerpts from his sermons and public addresses.

“The Memorial embraces a vision of human dignity and equality for people of all races, colors, creeds and countries of origin,” says Dale Stinton, CEO, Executive Vice President, NAR. “NAR’s unique opportunity to sponsor this Memorial affirms our commitment to equal opportunity in housing.”

Million dollar contributors receive permanent inscription on the Visitor Center donor wall, a seat on the Executive Leadership Cabinet, and a profile in the book, The Making of a Monument. To date, the Memorial Foundation has raised $76 million toward its goal of $100 million to build the memorial. If you would like to make an individual donation, please contact the Foundation at www.mlkmemorial.org. Those making contributions of $30 or more will receive a Dream Now commemorative t-shirt, wrist band and lapel pin; plus the satisfaction of knowing that they helped further Martin Luther King, Jr.’s dream of equality for all.