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**Atlanta's Top-Producing Real Estate Team
Receives Numerous Honors for 2009 Sales**

Atlanta, GA — RE/MAX Greater Atlanta agent Mark Spain and his team, who have repeatedly been named the #1 agent team (in the large team category) in metro Atlanta, had another exceptional sales year in 2009, with \$105.5 million in gross sales and 453 transaction sides. It is the ninth straight year the Mark Spain Team exceeded the \$100 million annual sales mark. Such sales during the nation's recession and a challenging real estate market, earned the Spain Team numerous honors.

In late March, the Atlanta Board of Realtors honored them at its annual Million Dollar Club Awards Banquet. For the sixth straight year, the Spain Team was the #1 large team in Atlanta. The team was also again the #1 team for RE/MAX Greater Atlanta in units closed, commissions earned and sales volume. RE/MAX of Georgia ranked the team at #2 in Georgia for commissions earned.

At the recent International RE/MAX convention, Mark Spain ranked 17th in the world for transactions closed (from some 100,000 RE/MAX agents in more than 75 countries). He was also honored with the Circle of Legends Award from RE/MAX International and the team's sales earned them Diamond Award status, the highest sales level for RE/MAX International.

"I'm proud of the high activity level our team has maintained through a challenging year," said Mark Spain. "It's made us get educated and up-to-speed on new market segments as well because there are so many homeowners who need their questions and concerns answered."

The Mark Spain Team has expanded into the short sales, which now accounts for a small percentage of their business. Mark Spain is Short Sales and Foreclosure Resource (SFR) Certified by the National Association of Realtors and earned the prestigious Certified Distressed Property Expert (CDPE) designation in 2009. Already in 2010, he attended and graduated from the Five Star Institute Center for Short Sale Success. The team has also started a second website, www.GreaterAtlantaForeclosureHelp.com, to provide information and resources for homeowners in trouble.

One of the top-producing real estate teams in business today, the Mark Spain Team broke the \$1 billion total sales mark in 2006. Mark Spain has already been inducted into the RE/MAX Hall of Fame and earned the Lifetime Achievement Award from RE/MAX International in 2004—honors he achieved while in his early 30s. For their 2008 sales, the Mark Spain Team was ranked #2 in the nation for most transaction sides and #9 for sales volume by the *Wall Street Journal*, *Lore Magazine* and *Real Trends Magazine*.

An Atlanta native, Mark is a University of Georgia graduate. He is affiliated with the RE/MAX Greater Atlanta office at 5591 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road in Atlanta. The Mark Spain Team specializes in assisting home buyers and sellers in the metro Atlanta region at all price levels.

To learn more about the Mark Spain Team, call 770-886-9000 or visit <http://www.markspain.com> to conduct an online home search of available metro Atlanta properties, request a free online home evaluation, sign up for a free monthly e-newsletter about the real estate market or for details on how to have your home considered for a short sale, visit <http://www.GreaterAtlantaForeclosureHelp.com>.

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