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Rita Keller Marks Thirty Years of Accomplishments with Brady Ware

DAYTON – Accounting firm Brady Ware recently recognized Shareholder and Director of Administration Rita Keller for her 30 years of contributions to the accounting industry and to the growth and success of Brady Ware. Keller joined the firm in 1978, when it was a small CPA organization in Richmond, Indiana. Keller continually assumed greater responsibilities, leading the firm in the areas of internal management, marketing and human resources. As Brady Ware opened offices in Dayton and, most recently, in Columbus, Ohio, Keller moved into additional leadership roles, eventually rising to the level of shareholder in Brady Ware.

Keller has shared her expertise with many regional and national accounting organizations, including the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and the Association for Accounting Administration (AAA). She is marking her three decades at Brady Ware with a new career step, becoming a consultant to other CPA firms across the US.

The list of Keller's accomplishments is long, including serving as Chair of the AICPA Practitioners' Symposium and sitting on the board of directors of the AAA. For three consecutive years, she has been named one of the Top 100 Most Influential People in Accounting by *Accounting Today* magazine. Julie Lindy, the Public Accounting Editor of *INSIDE* magazine described Keller as "a superstar among her peers in accounting firm administration," respected by CPA firm managing partners nationwide.

At Brady Ware's state of the firm meeting in July, 2008, Brady Ware President and CEO Gary Adamson said of Rita Keller: "She has worked tirelessly and has given a lot of her life to the firm... She has been a mentor and role model for many of us. She has been instrumental in the growth of the firm in size and in reputation."

Rita Keller will leave Brady Ware on September 30th, 2008 to head her own consulting firm Keller Advisors, LLC, advising other firms on operational and internal management, plus finding, hiring and mentoring future leaders of the CPA profession.

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