

It's not just a black and white issue. Pat Combs entered the real estate business a few years after the passage of the Fair Housing Act in 1968. She recalled it being a "contentious time" for both REALTORS® and the public. Armed with fair housing training from the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of REALTORS®, Pat faced off against discriminatory neighbors and homeowners. Ignoring verbal harassment and physical threats, she devoted her time in the Grand Rapids Association of REALTORS® to help in creating better training programs in partnership with her local Fair Housing Center to ensure that fair housing truly was for all. Now, Pat says, "We need to ask ourselves "what we can do as REALTORS®, as United States citizens."

April 2018 marks the 50th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act. We salute REALTORS® like Pat Combs who have driven NAR's contributions to the fair housing movement, and we understand there's progress yet to be made.

Visit www.FairHousing.realtor to read more about Pat and to join the commemoration.

