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SCAC PRESIDENT HENRY H. “BUDDY” LIVINGSTON III PRESENTS PRESIDENT’S CUP TO NEWBERRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR WAYNE ADAMS

SCAC President Henry H. “Buddy” Livingston III (Newberry County Council Chairman) presented the President’s Cup—one of the SCAC’s highest honors—to Newberry County Administrator Wayne Adams at the Association’s 51st Annual Conference (August 5 – 7). The prestigious award was presented to Adams on August 7 at the Association’s annual awards banquet.

Each year, the SCAC honors the county official who has merited special recognition for service to county governments and assistance to the Association’s president during the past year.

“This year’s recipient has contributed countless hours to county government during his 36-year public service career,” said SCAC President Henry H. “Buddy” Livingston. “I have great respect for this gentleman’s exemplary character and leadership.”

Adams began his local government career working as a dispatcher for the Aiken County Sheriff’s Department after serving four years in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves. From 1990 to 1995, while working for U.S. Congressman Butler Derrick, his responsibilities ranged from administration and management of South Carolina’s Third Congressional District operations to legislative and policy management in Congressman Derrick’s Washington, D.C., office.

“Adams’ experience with constituent services and federal policy development prepared him for his career in local government management,” Livingston said. “After serving 11 years as Edgefield County Administrator, Adams joined Newberry County in 2006. Many would agree that his ability to bring together diverse political views, coupled with his understanding the needs of the county Adams serves, has helped transform these two predominately rural counties.

“His contributions to economic development in Newberry County have been tremendous,” Livingston added. “By working with county council, county staff, and business leaders, he has played a critical role in the more than \$900 million of capital investment and more than 3,000 jobs that have been announced in the county since he began in 2006.”

Adams has been described as an excellent county steward, and a gentleman who fosters an environment where county staff and county council members work as a cohesive team for the community. He was recognized by his peers in 2003 for his leadership when he received the Palmetto Management Award for County Government, an award granted by the South Carolina City and County Management Association.

Adams worked with former S.C. Representative Walt McLeod and SCAC's legislative staff on changing the provisions of the Capital Project Sales Tax to include technical colleges in the list of projects that could be funded. He was awarded Piedmont Technical College's Presidential Medallion for supporting Piedmont Technical College's Newberry County Campus.

"Adams' service to benefit the citizens of Newberry County, and the state of South Carolina," Livingston said, "will eventually conclude, but we can rest assured that his contributions will extend well into the future."

Adams received his bachelor's degree from USC-Aiken and Master of Public Administration degree from the USC. He graduated from the state's Executive Institute and the SCAC's Institute of Government for County Officials.

The SCAC, chartered on June 22, 1967, is a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization whose membership includes all 46 counties in South Carolina. Governed by a 29-member board of directors elected each year by county officials at the Association's annual conference, the SCAC is the only organization representing county governments in the state.

The Association provides a number of services, programs, and activities to county governments and their officials, including: research and technical assistance; education and training; legal assistance; policy development, advocacy, and legislative information; publications, including a magazine and newsletter; meetings and conferences; public information, including an annual directory and website; and financial services, including the S.C. Counties Workers' Compensation Trust and S.C. Counties Property & Liability Trust.

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