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GREG REED NAMED 2015 RC&D SENATE LEADER OF THE YEAR

Florence, Ala. - Senate Majority Leader Greg Reed, R-Jasper, has been recognized as the 2015 Senate Leader of the Year by the Alabama Association of Resource, Conservation and Development (AARCD) Councils during the 2015 AARC&D Annual Meeting held at the Marriott Shoals Hotel in April 1-3, 2015.

The award is given to one State Senator each year for showing leadership in the promotion of resource, conservation and development issues in Alabama.

Sen. Reed serves as Majority Leader and has been a strong advocate for RC&D as a member of the Alabama Senate.

Sen. Reed first became a proponent of RC&D after working with many of his communities that were ravaged by the deadly tornado outbreak in 2011. RC&D-supported programs like the Salvation Army of Walker County and Pleasant Grove Tornado Shelter helped show Reed the value of the organization.

Sen. Reed stated that RC&D can provide financial grant opportunities for many citizens ranging from workforce development education to public safety and volunteer fire assistance.

"Obviously, there are people across our State that want to make a positive impact in their communities, and they just need a little assistance to turn those dreams into reality. RC&D councils have helped local citizens position themselves to help their fellow Alabamians, and you see that willingness to develop human resources in the 400 projects RC&D councils have put on the ground this past year," said Reed.

AARC&D Chairman William Hodge expressed gratitude for Senator Reed's leadership during this difficult economic period in Alabama's history, and displayed encouragement with Reed's decision-making ability.

"Sen. Reed is a true statesman and has received the award for his determination to let local people identify their problems and opportunities," said Hodge, "We can not provide resources without legislative supporters like Sen. Reed."

The RC&D program was established in the Agriculture Act of 1962 to provide a program that empowers people to help themselves. RC&D areas include adjacent counties that have substantial natural resources to use for economic improvement and community betterment.

There are nine RC&D councils throughout the state. RC&D Councils in Alabama are non-profit, tax-exempt organizations within the state that are designated 501(c)(3) entities by the Internal Revenue Service. Each county board is made up of a Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Supervisor, County Commissioner and a member at large.

RC&D Councils are comprised of citizens in an RC&D area who want a better life for themselves, their children, and future generations. To learn more about the RC&D program please visit us at <http://www.aarcd.net/>.

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