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SUMTER COUNTY CHAIRMAN RANDY HOWARD RECOGNIZED FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN LIFELONG LEARNING ACADEMY

ACCG presents education certificates to county officials

ATLANTA, Ga. (Oct. 26, 2016) - ACCG, Georgia's County Association, recently awarded county officials with certificates for completing requirements in the Lifelong Learning Academy. Recipients were presented with their achievement certificates during the 2016 Legislative Leadership Conference. Chairman Howard was honored for successfully completing requirements in the Quality of Life/Social Issues specialty track.

The Lifelong Learning Academy has been essential in providing an opportunity for county officials to enhance their knowledge in various areas while providing practical lessons that are applicable to situations in their respective counties.

"The Lifelong Learning Academy has been a valuable resource in my role as a county chairman," said Howard. "Aside from the educational aspect, I am able to gain an alternative perspective from peers who have experienced similar county problems."

For over two decades, ACCG and the Carl Vinson Institute of Government at the University of Georgia have worked in concert to provide supplemental training and educational tools for county officials. Members work to complete core requirements and can then choose from the abundant course options in a number of specialty tracks, such as intergovernmental relations and disaster and emergency preparedness.

"We offer an array of classes that support our members and prepare them for pressing county matters," said Ross King, ACCG's Executive Director. "County officials face unrelenting pressure to make decisions on issues they've often never encountered, making our sessions a viable component to their day-to-day operations. This program is a great example of the provision we offer counties to meet the needs of their citizens."

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