



## NEWS RELEASE

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### THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY REMEMBERS ITS COMMISSIONER GEORGE MADDOX

**DECATUR, GEORGIA** — It is with great sadness that the Housing Authority of DeKalb County acknowledges the loss of its long-serving commissioner, George Maddox. Commissioner Maddox passed away on January 1, 2012 after a long illness.

A native of Decatur, Georgia, in DeKalb County, Commissioner Maddox, in 1980, entered the political arena and ran for his first public office in a county commission race. Later, he ran for state representative. On his second attempt for the state office, the voters of District 72 elected him as their state representative in 1996.

George worked diligently for the people of District 72 and District 59 and was very proud of his legislative accomplishments. His priority and emphasis was on educating young people. He was successful in obtaining funding and starting SLAM (Students Learning and Advancing in Math), a pilot program at Gresham Park Elementary School which teaches math skills and chess, a game that introduces students to problem solving skills. In 1998, Representative Maddox received the “Legislator of the Year” award from the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus.

George remained in the DeKalb County community all his life and in recent years, operated his own business as an independent insurance agent.

Since 2004, George Maddox served as a Commissioner on the Housing Authority of DeKalb County’s Board of Commissioners. He was Chairman of the Board’s Personnel Committee and had also once served as Chairman for the Board of Commissioners Legislative Committee.

A Memorial Service for Commissioner George Maddox will be held Saturday, January 7, 2012 at 11 a.m. at Thankful Baptist Church, 830 West College Avenue, Decatur, Georgia 30030.

The Housing Authority of DeKalb County appreciates and respectfully remembers Commissioner George Maddox for his years of service, dedication and contribution to our company, our families and all the citizens of DeKalb County, Georgia.

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