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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE **MORGAN COUNTY STATE REPRESENTATIVE NAMED LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR BY** **STATEWIDE CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION**

Montgomery, Ala. (December 12, 2016) – State Representative Terri Collins (R-Decatur) has been named the Alabama House Legislative Leader of the Year by the Alabama Association of Conservation Districts (AACD) at a recent award ceremony held at the Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach.

Rep. Collins received the award for her dedicated service to education, leadership, and assistance to all citizens for the wise use and conservation education of Alabama's resources.

Collins is serving in her second term in the Alabama House of Representatives. She represents District 8, which covers Morgan County.

She holds an influential position as Chairwoman of the Education Policy Committee. She also serves as a member of Ways and Means Education Committee, which funds education related services, including the K-12 Foundation and Higher Education programs.

Rep. Collins recognized that the majority of the population in District 8 is the City of Decatur, but she understands and appreciates the agriculture contributions of rural Morgan County and the value that conservation practices have in protecting the environment, while having a positive economic impact.

"Farmers, working with Conservation Districts, provide a great benefit to not only rural areas, but urban areas like Decatur," said Collins, "You have a positive effect on water that comes into the city and have proven to be a tremendous resource to educating your community on the importance of sustaining the land and water for future generations."

AACD President Laslie Hall commended Rep. Collins for being accessible and providing the leadership qualities that he thinks are important.

"Rep. Collins has been very inclusive and has worked well with our members," said Hall, "We have many different parties working with us and cannot be successful without your participation in the legislature."

AACD was organized in August, 1943 and is a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization of the 67 Conservation Districts in Alabama.



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AACD's mission is to provide aid and guidance in programs for water quality, the prevention and control of soil erosion and conservation of soil and water resources. The Association serves as a vehicle for unified action, exchange of information, and discussion.

Conservation districts are local governments at work and their specific responsibility is management of soil and water resources. The idea behind their formation is to keep decision-making on soil and water conservation matters at the local level.

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