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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** **PIKE COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE NAMED LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR BY STATEWIDE CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION**

Montgomery, Ala. (December 12, 2016) – State Representative Alan Boothe (R-Troy) 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. Boothe received the award for his dedicated service to leadership, and assistance to all citizens for the wise use and conservation education of Alabama’s resources.

Boothe is serving in his 5th term in the Alabama House of Representatives. He represents District 89, which covers Dale and Pike counties.

He holds an influential position as Chairman of the Internal Affairs Committee. He also serves as a member of Finance Taxation and Education Committee, which funds education related services, including the K-12 Foundation and Higher Education programs. Rep. Boothe plays an integral role in developing a statewide water policy in Alabama and currently serves as Co-Chair of the interim Water Policy and Management Joint Legislative Committee.

Rep. Boothe recognizes that a comprehensive state-wide water policy is essential for the wise use of water and an opportunity to use water resources for the growth and development of our state and assist farmers who suffer with drought conditions.

“We have been very blessed with water and I’ve always seen the value of conservation and especially recognize the benefits when our state is suffering from tough drought conditions,” said Boothe. “Irrigation can create jobs and there is data that suggests that 26,000 jobs can be created with every 100,000 acres of farm land irrigated.”

“It’s our jobs as legislators to be fund your organizations and be proactive. Because of your boots on the ground network, we can continue to provide citizens the ability to protect the land and keep it working,” said Boothe.

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



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“Rep. Boothe plays a major role in developing water policy in this State,” said Hall. “We want Rep. Boothe and the Legislature to know that we stand ready to partner and assist as the State needs us.”

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

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.

For more information about our program please visit us at [www.alconservationdistricts.org](http://www.alconservationdistricts.org).

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