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FREEMAN RECEIVED GOLD STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE TRAINING AWARD

Spalding County Commissioners joined their counterparts and other county representatives from across the state at the annual Legislative Leadership Conference hosted by the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG).

The 2011 Legislative Leadership Conference provided Commissioners with training in economic development, state and federal relations, public safety, tax policy, human resources, criminal justice and illegal immigration reform and more.

“Our conferences are designed to bring county officials together to learn about issues that could impact their community and to learn from their peers,” said ACCG Executive Director Ross King. “Legislative advocacy and leadership development are central to our mission, and our conferences are one of the most cost-effective ways for county officials to learn from experts.”

During the conference, Spalding County Chairman Eddie Freeman received the GOLD STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE AWARD. This professional training program is offered by ACCG in conjunction with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government at the University of Georgia and provides courses to county officials throughout the year.

“The ACCG provides me with foundational information in topics ranging from finance, human resources and ethics to other diverse public policy issues and allows me to learn from the experiences of my peers,” said Mr. Freeman.

In addition to training, attendees voted on the 2011-2012 ACCG County Platform, which includes policy positions and priorities for the 2012 legislative session. They also heard from keynote speaker Hank Huckaby, Chancellor of the University System of Georgia Board of Regents, who spoke about the link between higher education and future individual and community competitiveness.

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