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Charles Copeland Receives Volunteer Of The Year Award From The Georgia Economic Developers Association

ATLANTA (November 16, 2015) – Charles “Chuck” Copeland, Chairman of the Griffin-Spalding Development Authority was named the 2015 Volunteer of the Year by the Georgia Economic Developers Association (GEDA). Working tirelessly for economic development efforts for many years, Copeland is being recognized for his outstanding service to the citizens of Spalding County.

Selected by GEDA’s Board of Directors, here are some of the highlights from Copeland’s nomination:

- Since 2008 he has assisted with \$353,013,000 in new capital investment and 1,087 new jobs created by both new and existing industries
- Under his leadership, the authority won GEDA’s 2011 Deal of the Year Award for an expansion of Caterpillar
- Copeland assisted on a joint project with the University of Georgia to create a Food Technology Center on the UGA Campus in Spalding County
- He championed the passing of a 2008 SPLOST (special-purpose local-option sales tax) to create the Lakes at Green Valley, which has become the first mixed use “eco” mixed-use park in Georgia
- Under his leadership, the community had its first intergovernmental retreat including the city, county, development authority, school system, and local colleges

Mr. Copeland was present at GEDA's November luncheon in Atlanta to receive the Volunteer of the Year award. More than 250 economic developers from around the state attended the luncheon to honor Mr. Copeland and others.

About GEDA

The Georgia Economic Developers Association is a nonprofit association of professionals, volunteers and supporters. The association provides networking and professional development opportunities for its members, and supports public policies that promote quality job creation and sustainable economic development throughout the state. For more information, visit www.geda.org.

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