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Camden County is Now a Certified Literate Community

Woodbine, GA – September 29, 2009: On Tuesday, September 22, 2009, Camden County was officially recognized in a ceremony as a Certified Literate Community through the Certified Literate Community Program (CLCP). A resolution was presented to Camden County for achieving the designation of Coastal Georgia CLCP. Two road signs were also provided to Camden County for display.

The CLCP is an initiative of the state of Georgia allowing individual communities to address the problem of literacy in ways designed to fit their own communities. Coastal Georgia CLCP, along with many community partners form a collaborative unit to provide for education in literacy and work readiness skills. Unified effort will eliminate duplication of service, reveal service gaps, and facilitate the sharing of collective knowledge and ideas as well as material resources. CLCP is high profile and will work to raise community

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awareness of the problems and impact of illiteracy on the community and to mobilize through volunteerism all sectors-including education and literacy providers.

Karen Byrd stated, *"I am excited to be involved with CLCP and look forward to working with others as we seek to become literate communities. The impact illiteracy has on a community is huge. Health care, crime, economic development, poverty rate and unemployment are just some of the areas that are affected. Promoting literacy through special projects, recruiting volunteers, and supporting and supplementing local education efforts will help make it possible for individuals and thus the community to achieve and become literate."*

"This presents a great opportunity for Camden County and demonstrates that working together we can make a positive difference for all of Camden County," added Steve Howard, County Administrator.

Some specific actions include the Dictionary and Thesaurus projects and the provision of accessory support for adult education efforts such as child care, transportation, and tutor training.

Coastal Georgia CLCP completed the eight criteria set forth and became a participating community with the State of Georgia CLCP on August 6, 2009. While outcomes are measured by the number of adults who are served and advance in adult education and/or attain a GED, preschool children who participate in the Ferst Foundation program will also be tracked (CRCT scores/grade level advancement/eventual graduation).

Coastal Georgia CLCP will serve McIntosh, Camden, and Glynn to promote literacy and thus accomplish their mission which is *to promote literacy in Coastal Georgia (Camden, Glynn and McIntosh counties) by mobilizing every available resource into a literacy campaign that will result in literate communities.*

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Pictured from left to right are: Karen Byrd, Executive Director for Coastal Georgia CLCP, Steve Howard, Camden County Administrator, Mary Flanders, Chair of the State Board Adult Education Committee, Lorette Hoover, President Altamaha Technical College, and Dr. Josephine Reed-Taylor, Assistant Commissioner of Adult Education Programs, TCSG

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