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Alabama Environmental Management Commission
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Dear Commission Members,

At the behest of friends and colleagues from various agencies and organizations, I am submitting a summarized résumé citing significant work in collaboration with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management. These friends and colleagues are aware of my involvement when ADEM was established and in subsequent years, for example, with development of ADEM's state environmental protection plan. Therefore, it is their feeling that this may be a timely moment to provide such information for your review. Please let me know if I can offer input or assistance as you search for a new ADEM Director.

As ever, I remain eager to be supportive in any way possible. Thank you for your commitment to Alabama's natural environment.

Yours Truly,

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Résumé

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Education

Raised on family farm in remote rural Alabama; Creek Indian ancestry. Informal educational background includes childhood years farming row crops and livestock, hunting and fishing, and exploring the wildlands of Alabama.

Formal education includes high school academic honors, varsity football and baseball, and subsequent appointment and civil engineering training, college football and baseball, at the United State Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Ph.D. in Educational Research, The University of Alabama, 1978.

Summary of Environmental Career Experience

1990-Present: Coordinator for Environmental Information and Education, Alabama Museum of Natural History

1984-Present: Creator and Producer, Emmy-honored, national award winning Environmental Television Series, *Discovering Alabama*.

1985-1988: Founder and Director, Center for Environmental Research and Service, Troy State University.

1983-1985: Founder and Coordinator, Alabama Natural Heritage Program (Presently administered at Auburn University)

1972-1985: Faculty Instructor/Environmental Educator/Instructor for College courses in a variety of environmental areas, The University of Alabama, and provider of environmental outreach to state schools (including project director for various K-12 programs in a number of Alabama school systems).

Summary of Skills/Abilities/Key Environmental Service

Have demonstrated successful leadership and skills resulting in numerous environmental accomplishments for Alabama:

- Coordinator, Principal Researcher, and Principal Author, An Environmental Protection Plan for the State of Alabama (ADEM, 1989), an unprecedented document that has prompted such significant advances as the establishment of the state's revolving water and sewer fund and the creation of Legacy, Partners for Environmental Education.
- Committee Chairman, Governor's Alabama Initiative for the Environment, serving to develop consensus support for priority environmental needs in the state.
- Coordinator and Meeting Facilitator for the Alabama Forever Wild Committee and subsequent creation of the Alabama Forever Wild Program, today recognized nationally as a model program of both consensus-building and wildland conservation.
- Principal Researcher and Author for notable environmental reports including "Inventory of Alabama's Natural Diversity – A Status Assessment", (University of Alabama, 1983) and "Natural Heritage Protection in Alabama: A Summary Analysis of Needs and Possible Protection Strategies " (University of Alabama, 1984), "Toward Development of a Comprehensive Program of Environmental Education for Alabama (Troy State University, 1986), "Alabama's Environmental Future: The Need for a Broader Planning Perspective" (Troy State University, 1987).
- Founding Member, Organizational Facilitator and Organization President, Mobile River Basin Coalition, with support from state and federal agencies and roughly 100 corporations, implemented the Aquatic Ecosystem Recovery Plan for the Mobile River Basin.
- Founding Member and/or Officer of numerous environmental and educational organizations, including The Environmental Education Association of Alabama, Legacy – Partners in Environmental Education, the Alabama Collaborative for Environmental Education, the Cahaba River Society, the Alabama Environmental Forum, and Friends of Little River.

Sampling of Notable Environmental Productions/Publications

Writer and Producer of award-winning environmental documentary programs in the *Discovering Alabama* public television series, now celebrating its 25th year with a total of almost 100 shows produced on all aspects of Alabama's natural environment.

Author, *Discovering Alabama Forests* – The University of Alabama Press, Tuscaloosa, Alabama and London, England, 2006.

Author, *Discovering Alabama Wetlands* – The University of Alabama Press, Tuscaloosa, Alabama and London, England, 2002.

Developed the model school curriculum for Grades K-6 and 10-11, Discovering Our Heritage: Incorporating Environmental Education to Integrate the Teaching of History, Geography, Science, Mathematics, and Language Arts – A Community Collaborative Approach, implemented in innovative school programs across the state, 2001.

Author, *Environmental Education: A Primer for Teachers of All Subjects and Grade Levels*, U.S. Department of Education, Special Grant, 1982.

Sampling of Environmental Awards, Honors

- 1985, Environmental Leadership Award, Alabama Nature Conservancy
- 1987, Certificate of Educational Achievement, Alabama Public Television
- 1987, Governor's Conservation Award
- 1989, Governor's Conservation Education Award
- 1990, Earth Team Award, Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District
- 1992, Golden Leaf Award for Environmental Leadership, The Nature Conservancy
- 1993, Conservation Communicator Award, Alabama Wildlife Federation
- 1995, Television Journalism Award, Cahaba River Society
- 1998, Youth Inspiration Award, Greater Alabama Council of Boy Scouts of America
- 1999, Alabama Tourism Partner Award, Alabama Bureau of Tourism and Travel
- 1999, Environmental Education Leadership Award, Alabama Department of Environmental Management
- 1999, Outstanding Communications Award, Tuscaloosa Soil and Water Conservation District
- 1999, Outstanding Conservation Communication Award, Area III Alabama Association of Conservation Districts
- 2005, "Caretaker of the Land" Award, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- 2005, Educational Achievement Award, Alabama Public Television
- 2005, Emmy Nomination, Best Educational Documentary, Southeastern Region
- 2006, Tourism Hall of Fame, West Alabama Tourism Council
- 2006, Governor's Ambassador for Alabama
- 2007, Leadership Alabama

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