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Veteran Georgia Transportation Board Member Kuhlke Retires

ATLANTA – Bill Kuhlke, Jr., of Augusta, one of the most distinguished and revered members of the State Transportation Board, announced his retirement.

Kuhlke has represented Georgia's 10th Congressional District on the board since 2004 and served as Board chairman in 2008 and 2009. His resignation, effective December 31, came at the Board's final meeting of 2010.

“Serving on this Board has been a wonderful experience and I was especially proud to have been given the opportunity to serve as chairman,” he remarked. “There’s no more critical issue for Georgia’s future than transportation. And while there are great challenges ahead, I’m confident in the leadership of (current Board Chairman) Rudy Bowen, (Georgia DOT Commissioner) Vance Smith and in the dedicated men and women of the Department.”

“I hate losing a colleague as wise and as passionate about transportation in Georgia as Bill Kuhlke,” Bowen said. “This Board and this State owe him a great debt of gratitude.”

Kuhlke, the owner of Kuhlke Properties, LLC, and Kuhlke Construction, Inc., is a University of Georgia graduate, a former Marine and a graduate of the Leadership Georgia program.

The State Transportation Board determines policy and exercises general governance of Georgia's Department of Transportation. The Board's 13 members, representing each of the state's congressional districts, serve staggered, five-year terms. Board members are elected by those state senators and representatives whose legislative districts fall within all or part of the relevant congressional district. Either the Lieutenant Governor or the Speaker of the Georgia House will schedule a 10th Congressional District legislative caucus to select Kuhlke's successor.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is committed to providing a safe, seamless and sustainable transportation system that supports Georgia's economy and is sensitive to both its citizens and its

environment. Georgia is the 3rd fastest-growing state in the nation, yet 49th in per capita spending on transportation. Additional transportation revenues are imperative to grow and sustain Georgia's economic vitality and quality of life through the 21st Century. For general information on the Georgia DOT, please visit our Web site (www.dot.ga.gov).

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