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## News Release

### **Jeff Caton Receives Highest Award from S.C. Recreation and Parks Association**

**October 26, 2015, Monroe, NC** – Union County Executive Director of Community Services, Jeff Caton, last week was awarded the Robert L. Reid Lifetime Achievement and Hall of Fame Award by the South Carolina Recreation and Parks Association at the joint South Carolina/North Carolina Parks and Recreation annual conference.

The Robert L. Reid Lifetime Achievement and Hall of Fame Award is the highest award that the South Carolina Recreation and Parks Association can present. This award recognizes lifetime achievement in the parks and recreation profession. It is awarded to a professional or citizen who has a minimum of 20 years of service to the parks and recreation profession and has demonstrated a career of being active in promoting the parks and recreation profession through presentations, writings and service in their community, state and nation.

Caton came to Union County in September from Columbia, S.C. where he served as Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Columbia. He also worked for Spartanburg County, S.C. for 15 years, and, prior to that, was employed by the Department of the Navy as the Recreation Director at the Naval Weapons Station in Charleston, S.C. where, under his leadership, the agency was recognized four times as Agency of the Year by the South Carolina Recreation and Parks Association.

Caton is a native of Spartanburg and graduated from Paul M. Dorman High School. He attended Clemson University where he received his undergraduate degree in Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management.

Caton is a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional through the National Recreation and Parks Association. He received the 2003 Professional of the Year by the South Carolina Recreation and Parks Association. He and his wife Teresa have three children and one grandchild.

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