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### **Senator Steve Henson Receives 2009 Environmental Leadership Award from Georgia Conservation Voters**

Awards Based Upon Demonstrated Support for Protecting Georgia's Natural Resources

ATLANTA — On Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, Senator Steve Henson (D-Tucker) was among 10 members of the Georgia State Senate and 18 members of the Georgia House of Representatives to receive a 2009 Environmental Leadership Award from Georgia Conservation Voters, a non-partisan organization dedicated to preserving and enhancing the quality of life of all Georgians by making conservation issues a top priority with Georgia's elected officials, political candidates and voters.

"Senator Henson not only cast votes in favor of protecting Georgia's natural resources this year, but he actively worked to promote an understanding among his colleagues of the need to protect Georgia's environment as an integral part of preserving our way of life," said Chris Osborne, Executive Director of Georgia Conservation Voters.

"Specifically, Senator Henson spoke on the floor of the Senate to help defeat a bill that would have exempted state agencies from paying storm water utility fees. If that bill had passed, average Georgians would have seen their water bills increase," continued Osborne. "Thanks to Senator Henson's leadership Georgia's natural resources were preserved and Georgia's taxpayers were protected."

Other State Senators who received a 2009 Environmental Leadership Award include: Chapman (R-3), Cowsert (R-46), Harp (R-29), Hill (R-4), Moody (R-56), Reed (D-35), Smith (R-52), Stoner (D-6), Weber (R-40).

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