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Rose Named Southern Region EAGLE Delegate for Adult Education

The Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber held a reception for the Exceptional Adult Georgian in Literacy Education (EAGLE) program on Tuesday. Sandra Rose was named 2011 Southern Region EAGLE Delegate at the event, sponsored by ERCO Worldwide.

Celebrating its 15th year, the EAGLE program recognizes and honors students who have demonstrated exceptional achievement in statewide adult literacy classes. The Awards Program is designed to raise awareness of the educational opportunities that are available in local communities across the state and to foster involvement in lifelong learning pursuits.

Rose, a native of Jamaica, humbly accepted the award and shared her heart-felt story with attendees. Rose said she always dreamed of obtaining her high school diploma and was proud to do so in Valdosta. "This award has proven to me that I can be something and somebody," stated Rose. "It starts and ends with me, but in between it is my support system that helped me through!" Other finalists included: Jessica Bacilio, Patricia Cutrell and Chastity Holloway.

Jeff Fulp, General Manager of ERCO Worldwide, quoted Joel Barker, "Vision without action is merely a dream. Action without vision just passes the time. Vision with action can change the world." Fulp continued, "ERCO is proud to sponsor this program which spotlights the importance of adult education and workforce development."

The EAGLE Award program is a vital component of the Certified Literate Community Program of Georgia, an umbrella organization that brings all sectors of a community together with literacy providers to map out the best use of resources already available as well as how to acquire the additional resources necessary to meet local literacy needs.

Alvin Payton, Vice President of Adult Education Services at Wiregrass Georgia Technical College, announced that Interim Mayor Sonny Vickers and the Valdosta City Council proclaimed Dec. 12-16 as "EAGLE WEEK" in Valdosta.

Each year, the Chamber partners with Wiregrass Georgia Technical College, Valdosta State University, the Literacy Volunteer Program and the business community to promote, support and enhance community literacy efforts in the Valdosta-Lowndes County region, ultimately resulting in a better qualified workforce that serves as a vehicle for economic development.

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2011 EAGLE Award Winner Sandra Rose with event sponsor Jeff Fulp, General Manager of ERCO Worldwide.