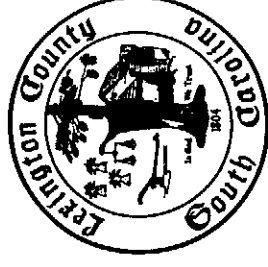


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## Stewart Mungo Named Lexington County Economic Development Ambassador

LEXINGTON, S.C. – Lexington County officials presented Stewart Mungo as Ambassador for Economic Development at the County Council meeting on Tuesday to honor his dedication to improving Lexington County's business environment. The South Carolina Department of Commerce, with the support of the South Carolina Manufacturer's Alliance and South Carolina Economic Developer's Association, recognizes an Ambassador from each county for their leadership in activities that promote economic growth in South Carolina.

"Lexington County Council is honored to have the opportunity to present this award to someone whose recent efforts in Lexington County focused on creating and maintaining the aesthetic appeal of its entrances, aiming to impress visitors with a positive first impression. We appreciate his commitments," said Lexington County Council Chairman Jim Kinard.

Stewart continues to work on several public-private partnerships to further this goal, including the City of West Columbia's Fountain, Irmo's gateway tree planting project and landscaping projects with SCANA and the City of Cayce.

"Stewart Mungo's efforts to enhance the allure of Lexington County greatly assist us in our economic development efforts and we are pleased to present this award to him," said Bill Banning, Lexington County Economic Development Committee chairman.

Stewart Mungo is the president and CEO of the Mungo Company. Mungo has worked with Keeping the Midlands Beautiful on projects including the Airport Boulevard Beautification Project, for which he helped to raise over \$30,000 that was used to install a variety of plants and trees along the Boulevard.

The Department of Commerce yearly joins local communities to thank businesses for their vital contributions to South Carolina's economy. The Department of Commerce kicks off Industry Appreciation Week each year by recognizing individuals throughout South Carolina as Ambassadors for Economic Development. These individuals include local leaders from the private sector representing a variety of businesses and economic development organizations committed to securing new jobs and investment in their communities.

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