

APPRECIATION

The Southern Legislative Conference has been privileged to hold its annual meeting in the Bluegrass State of Kentucky. We extend our appreciation to our excellent hosts, the members of the Kentucky General Assembly their spouses and staffs, and the people of Kentucky for so ably rising to the challenge of the largest SLC Conference to date.

We especially thank Representative Jim LeMaster, Host Committee Chairman; Senate President Pro Tem John "Eck" Rose, Honorary Chairman of the Kentucky Host Committee and Speaker Donald Blandford, Honorary Chairman of the Kentucky Host Committee. The entire conference recognizes the devotion and dedication of the Kentucky host state staff to coordinate, plan and oversee this 42nd Annual Conference. Special recognition is extended to the entire staff of the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission, its Director, Mr. Vic Hellard, Mr. Bill Phelps, Conference Director, Ms. Barri Christian and Mr. Charles Jones, Conference Coordinators.

For outstanding services throughout the past year and at this Annual Meeting, we express our special thanks and best wishes for the years to come to our Conference Chairman, Representative Charlie Capps of Mississippi. We thank our Conference Executive Committee, the members of our standing committees and the legislative staff sections of the conference.

We pay special tribute to the patrons, sponsors, and contributors and other private sector supporters of the Southern Legislative Conference who have contributed so generously to the success of this conference.