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LAUREN "BUBBA" MCDONALD, JR. SWORN IN AS NEW PSC MEMBER

ATLANTA -- In a ceremony in the room at the State Capitol where he once chaired the House Appropriations Committee, former state Representative Lauren "Bubba" McDonald, Jr. was sworn in by Governor Zell Miller Wednesday to a seat on the Georgia Public Service Commission. McDonald, 59, was appointed by Governor Miller to fill the unexpired term of Commissioner Mac Barber, who resigned to run for Lieutenant Governor.

"We are pleased to have Commissioner McDonald on board. He is a skilled negotiator who brings a wealth of experience to the complex arena we work in," said PSC Chairman Bobby Baker.

The Commerce native served for 20 years in the Georgia House of Representatives, holding the chairmanship of the Industry Committee for five years and the Appropriations Committee for eight years. He is a former member of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners and served on the Board of Managers of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia. He has also served on the Board of Governors of Mercer Medical College, as director of the Small Business Development Center at the University of Georgia, and as a member of the Board of the Advanced Technology Center at the University of Georgia.

"I am honored that Governor Miller has selected me to serve in this position. Having chaired the Industry Committee where utility legislation is shaped, I understand the tremendous impact the PSC has on the pocket book of all Georgians and on economic development in the state," said Commissioner McDonald.

McDonald is a partner in L.W. McDonald & Son Funeral Home and is the owner of McDonald Hardware Co. & Builders Supply in Commerce. A graduate of the University of Georgia with a BBA in Business, McDonald is married to the former Sunny Nivens of Gainesville and they have one child in Lauren III, 29. McDonald is a member of Commerce Presbyterian Church, where he is an elder.

A special election will be held in this year's November 3 General Election to fill Barber's unexpired term, which ends January 1, 2003.

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