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Georgia Recycling Coalition Inducts Inaugural Hall of Fame

ATLANTA —The Georgia Recycling Coalition (GRC) inducted two members into its newly formed Hall of Fame during the 25th annual conference in St. Simon's Island, Georgia on September 20, 2016. The inaugural inductees are **Abby Goldsmith, of A. Goldsmith Resources, LLC.** and **Steve Levetan of Pull-A-Part, LLC.** Both were founding members of the organization, serve as Honorary Directors, and have remained active member supporters throughout the history of the state recycling organization.

Abby Goldsmith has been planning, implementing, and improving waste reduction and solid waste management programs and facilities across the country for over 25 years. She is Principal and Owner of A. Goldsmith Resources, a small woman-owned business that assists clients in maximizing the recovery of resources from what otherwise would be wasted and managing what remains in an environmentally and fiscally sustainable way. She has been appointed to numerous state and local committees and boards and currently serves as a Director of the Georgia Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America and on the Steering Committee of Atlanta Recycles. Recently, she worked with GRC in developing and implementing its Measure Georgia metrics collection program for the state's recycling industry and end use manufacturers.

Steve Levetan has spent over 40 years in the recycling industry, owning and operating a scrap metal and paper recycling company from 1970 until its sale in 1986; founding a public affairs/lobbying firm to represent the recycling industry at the State and Local level throughout the South from 1987 through 2005; and finally joining one of his clients, Pull-A-Part as a partner. He has a long history of service in the State of Georgia, including the Governor's Solid Waste Study Committee; Georgia Recycling Market Development Council; President of the Georgia Association of Recycling Industries; Chair of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce Environmental Committee; and Chair of the Georgia Natural Resources Foundation. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including Georgia Department of Community Affairs Man of the Year and Automotive Recyclers Association Member of the Year.

"The Georgia Recycling Coalition is proud to have both as members and industry leaders supporting our organization. It's our honor recognize them as inaugural inductees into the GRC Hall of Fame", said Gloria Hardegree, GRC Executive Director.

About GRC: *The Georgia Recycling Coalition (GRC) is the 501 c 3 state recycling organization in Georgia. Its mission is to promote & enhance waste reduction & recycling programs & activities in the state. It is comprised of members representing all sectors of the recycling industry. GRC was awarded the Recycling Coalition of the Year for 2008 by the National Recycling Coalition. Atlanta Magazine recognized GRC and its EcoVille website in the Best of Atlanta December 2009 issue for best Eco Service in its "Thrive" category. In March 2012 GRC was honored with the Green Reach Award by the Atlanta Business Chronicle in its 2012 Environmental Awards. GRC was a finalist in the Metro Atlanta Chamber's 2013 E3 Awards in the Making the Connections category. GRC was featured in the August 2013 issue of Georgia Trend Magazine in an article entitled "Treasure, Not Trash", and in the March 2015 issue of Resource Recycling magazine for its Measure Georgia campaign. This year, the organization celebrates its 25th anniversary.*

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