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OBAMA ADMINISTRATION NAMES RANDALL GORE TO SERVE AS STATE DIRECTOR FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6, 2009 – The Obama Administration today announced that Randall Gore will serve as North Carolina State Director for USDA Rural Development.

“Randall Gore will be an important advocate on behalf of rural communities throughout the state and help administer the valuable programs and services provided by USDA that can enhance their economic success,” Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said.

Gore joins USDA with nearly two decades of experience working on behalf of rural Americans. Gore served as Area Director of Rural Development in Asheboro for 11 years during which he oversaw the construction of fire stations, town halls, clean water lines and sanitation systems. He also managed the processing of single-family-housing loans and grants that allowed hundreds of rural families in North Carolina to purchase affordable homes during his time as a Multifamily Housing Specialist with USDA’s Farmers Home Administration office in Greensboro from 1990-1994. Previously, Gore served as a vocational teacher in Whiteville and West Brunswick High Schools, where he exposed rural students to agricultural issues and taught farming skills.

USDA Rural Development administers and manages more than 40 housing, business, infrastructure and community facilities programs through a network of 6,100 employees in 500 national, state and local offices. Rural Development has an existing portfolio of more than \$114 billion in loans and loan guarantees.

USDA provides leadership on food, agriculture and natural resources and touches the life of every American. Reflecting President Obama’s commitment to expanding economic opportunities in rural America, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and USDA are working to enhance the availability of broadband; promote the development of renewable energy; conserve, maintain and improve our natural resources and environment; and promote a sustainable, safe, sufficient and nutritious food supply.

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