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**DAVID JONES RE-ELECTED AS UTRUST CHAIRMAN**

Nashville, Tenn. – David Jones of Sneedville has been re-elected as Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Utrust, a statewide organization that helps local school boards with unemployment issues as well as employee recognition, development and appreciation. Jones is the only member of the board elected statewide by member boards.

Under Jones' leadership, the organization has developed a program which produces materials and ideas to help school boards recognize and express appreciation to its employees. One of the most popular features of the program is the celebration each year of eight special days set aside to honor and thank different groups of employees of school boards.

Jones has served on the Hancock County Board of Education since 1980 and has served as the chairman for twelve years. He has served on numerous boards and held many positions, including the Utrust Board of Trustees and the Board of Trustees of the Tennessee School Boards Risk Management Trust. He is a past president of the Tennessee School Boards Association and served on the TSBA Board of Directors for 10 years.

Jones was appointed to the Board of Trustees at Utrust in 1986 and served as the vice-chairman for eight years. In 2005, Jones became the first at-large representative elected by the membership. He became the Chairman of the Board of Trustees in 2007.

"Utrust is extremely fortunate to have David Jones as chairman of our board of trustees," said Dr. Dan Tollett, Trust Administrator. "He is knowledgeable, experienced, creative and intelligent. He provides exactly the kind of leadership that our board needs to function at its best. Board chairmen just do not come any better than David Jones," Tollett continued.

In addition to his enthusiasm and commitment to Utrust, Jones is the former chief of the Sneedville Volunteer Fire Department and also served as the Chairman of Deacons at the First Baptist Church of Sneedville, where he has been a deacon for more than 20 years. Jones is currently a General Sales Manager at BJ Motor Company and is a former high school teacher and coach.

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