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2017 ANNUAL MEETING TO FEATURE NEW SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

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AERA President Joe Ward has invited prominent speakers, who will be informative and enlightening, to the **2017 AERA Annual Meeting, which will be held at the Pelham Civic Complex in Pelham (just outside of Birmingham)**. During the Business Meeting on **Tuesday, April 11**, the keynote speaker will be the new **Speaker of the House Mac McCutcheon**. Speaker McCutcheon represents District 25 that includes the communities of Madison City, Huntsville, Capshaw, Monrovia and East Limestone. He is a native of Madison County and lives in Monrovia.

Speaker McCutcheon is a United States Army Veteran and was a farmer and an associate pastor. He spent 25 years with the Huntsville Police Department in fields ranging from hostage negotiation to serving as a probation officer before his retirement. He is a member of the American Legion, Fraternal Order of Police, Alabama Peace Officers, North Alabama Emmaus Community, Tennessee Valley Smallmouth Bass Club and City of Madison



**SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
MAC MCCUTCHEON**

Chamber of Commerce. Speaker McCutcheon and his wife, Debbie, are the parents of two children and the proud grandparents of a granddaughter and a grandson. They are members of College Park Church of God in Huntsville. Also, during the Business Meeting, Community Service Awards and Unit of Excellence Awards will be presented.

Local unit presidents should be working on securing delegates for the Annual Meeting now! This year’s delegate count stands at 578. The staff is planning for approximately 700+ members and guests to attend. Seating for the business meeting will be open seating as AERA does not have any bylaw changes this year. The

luncheon is also open seating for members and guests.

Our luncheon speaker will be **Jeh Jeh Pruitt, WBRC FOX6 Sports Anchor/Reporter**. He began his television career as an intern at WBRC FOX6 News while a student in college. With more than ten years of news experience, he is back in Birmingham.

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Annual Meeting Information...

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

Pelham Civic Center, Pelham, AL

Registration - 8 a.m./General Assembly - 9:30 a.m./Annual Luncheon - Noon

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