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Atlanta Business League CEO Luncheon Honors Georgia Power CEO

May 4, 2010. Atlanta, GA – Michael Garrett, president & CEO of Georgia Power will be honored as “CEO of the Year” during the 32nd Annual Chief Executive Officer Appreciation Luncheon presented by the Atlanta Business League. This event will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis.

The CEO luncheon honors metro Atlanta CEO’s, business owners, executives, and entrepreneurs, whose leadership has positively impacted their company’s performance, the city’s economic viability, and the metro Atlanta community. In addition to Garrett, the ABL will also present the following awards:

- **Corporation of the Year** - James Young, *President & CEO*, Citizens Trust Bank
- **Trailblazer** - Ellen M. Crook, *Vice President, News & Information Center*, WXIA 11 Alive
- **Catalyst** - C.T. Martin, *Councilmember*, Atlanta City Council, District 10
- **League Leadership** - Edward Menifee, *President*, Southeastern Management & Business Development Company

Michael Garrett began his Southern Company career in 1968 at Georgia Power and became president and CEO in 2004. The Georgia native has also been chair of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, the Department of Economic Development Board and the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce. In 2009 Garrett was named “Most Respected Business Leader” by Georgia Trend magazine.

The 32nd Annual CEO Luncheon is co-chaired by Daryll H. Griffin, president of Accolades, Inc., and Michael Russell, president & CEO of H.J. Russell & Company, both long-time members of the ABL. Event sponsors include AirTran Airways, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, The Coca-Cola Company, the Atlanta Marriott Marquis, Georgia Power, Atlanta Gas Light Company, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, and Turner Broadcasting.

The Atlanta Business League was established in 1933 as an affiliate of the National Business League, and fosters the growth, creation, and development of successful business enterprises owned, operated and managed by African-Americans in metropolitan Atlanta. President and CEO Leona Barr-Davenport and Board Chair C. David Moody lead the ABL.

For more information, tickets, and sponsorship for the 32nd Annual CEO Appreciation Luncheon, please call the Atlanta Business League’s corporate office at 404.584.8126.

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