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### **LONNIE C. POOLE, JR. LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE HONORED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

**Raleigh, NC** – The Environmental Research and Education Foundation (EREF) honored the leadership and service of Lonnie C. Poole, Jr. at a golf tournament and banquet on Thursday, June 3, 2010. The golf tournament was held at The Lonnie Poole Golf Course and the banquet was held at the State Club, both part of North Carolina State University's Centennial Campus. The event was sponsored by PTR Baler and Compactor Company, Otto Environmental Systems North America, Inc., Joyce Engineering, Inc., E-Z Pack Manufacturing, LLC, Penton Media Exhibitions, Evergreen Environmental Energy, Inc., Republic Services, Inc. and Environmental Solutions Group.

Lonnie C. Poole, Jr., former chairman and founder of Waste Industries, was the first Chairman and a long-time Director of EREF. Lonnie joined the EREF Board of Directors as Chairman when the organization was founded in 1992. According to Michael J. Cagney, President of EREF, "Lonnie is proof that one man can make a difference, he is a superlative volunteer; it was under his leadership as Chairman from 1992 to 1996 that the foundation's net assets increased from \$800,000 to \$3 million and our first grant was made to develop a decision support tool with the Environmental Protection Administration that examines the environmental effects of municipal solid waste management decisions. Later, as nominating committee chairman from 2000 to 2010, Lonnie was instrumental in identifying the best candidates for board membership, solidifying EREF's position for the future. We are grateful for his steady hand on the tiller – anchors aweigh Lonnie!"

Lonnie has more than 30 years' experience in the solid waste industry. He founded Waste Industries USA Inc. in 1970 and served as its Chairman of the Board of Directors since 1970 until December 31, 2008 and Director since 1970. He served as Chief Executive Officer since 1970 until June 30, 2002. Lonnie holds a B.S. in Civil Engineering from North Carolina State University and an M.B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is Chairman of the North Carolina State University Foundation, is a past President of the Occoneechee

Council of the Boy Scouts of America and serves on the Board of Directors of the Southern Region of the Boy Scouts of America. Lonnie and his wife Carol Lynn have two sons and six grandchildren.

EREF is a 501(c)3 class charity that supports research to develop and evaluate new approaches to manage solid waste and funds scholarships for advanced degrees in environmental science and engineering. For more complete information on EREF funded research, its scholarship program and how to donate to this great cause, visit [www.erefdn.org](http://www.erefdn.org).



*Carol Lynn Poole, Ted Flood, Lonnie C. Poole, Jr., Tom Van Weelden*



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