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Huntsville businessman joins board of Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services

MONTGOMERY – The state Senate recently confirmed a new member of the Alabama Board of Rehabilitation Services.

Eddie C. Williams of Huntsville will fill the seat for the 5th Congressional District, representing business and industry on the board.

Williams has enjoyed a long career with one of Alabama's most prestigious technology companies, Sanmina-SCI, a global leader in electronics manufacturing services. He is currently senior avionics program manager at Sanmina-SCI's Defense and Aerospace Division facility in Huntsville.

In addition to his experience in the state and international business community, Williams has been very involved in a number of organizations, at both the community and national levels. His volunteer activities include serving as chairman of the board of directors of the Madison-Marshall County chapter of the American Red Cross, board member of Huntsville's Downtown Rescue Mission, board member of the Greater Huntsville Chapter of the 100 Black Men of America, and member of the National Management Association, the leadership development organization for which he is national vice president.

As the parent of an adult son with autism, Williams also has a very personal knowledge and understanding of disability. In addition, he has the broader knowledge and understanding gained by serving as board member and treasurer of the North Alabama Autism Society as well as former chairman of the board of Phoenix (formerly the Huntsville Rehabilitation Foundation).

Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services Commissioner Cary Boswell said he believes Williams' background makes him an ideal choice for the board.

"Mr. Williams' longtime involvement in the world of disability as well as his business experience give him a unique insight that will be beneficial," Boswell said. "He's a great addition to the board."

Williams joins board members Stephen G. Kayes, District 1; Jimmie Varnado, District 2; Patricia Floyd, District 3; David Brock, District 4; Chairman Roger McCullough, District 6; and Mitch Strickland, District 7.

The Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services is the state agency whose mission is to enable Alabama's children and adults with disabilities to achieve their maximum potential.