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## Jefferson County Commissioner Mary M. Buckelew Awarded for Outstanding Efforts in Disaster Prevention

March 5, 2001 (Washington, D.C.) - <u>Buckelew Receives Award at NACo Annual Legislative Conference in Washington, D. C.</u>

Jefferson County Commissioner Mary M. Buckelew, received the Building Disaster Resistant Communities Leadership Award today for her outstanding efforts and contributions in the field of disaster resistance and prevention. The award, sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the National Association of Counties (NACo), was given to Buckelew for her leadership in protecting the residents of Jefferson County from disaster risk.

FEMA and NACo formed this partnership because they understood, respected, and appreciated the important role local officials play in making communities safe and disaster resistant across America.

Nearly 2,000 county officials such as commissioners, clerks, council members, administrators, and assessors met in Washington, D. C., March 2-6, 2001. The leaders heard presentations by key national leaders, received legislative updates, discussed legislative priorities, networked with other county officials and exchanged information to include disaster resistance in a national forum.

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