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EDITORS: The following information is for immediate release. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Costello, program and marketing coordinator of the Chester County Economic Development Council, at 610 458-5700.

Jerome S. Parker becomes Chairman of the Board of Chester County Economic Development Council

Officers also named for 2011-2012

EXTON _ Jerome S. Parker, President of the Delaware County Community College, was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Chester County Economic Development Council.

Parker succeeds Ed Brownley, Jr., President of PAC Strapping Products, Inc. Brownley's term as chairman concluded in June.

"Jerry will be an excellent chair," said Gary Smith, President and Chief Executive Director of the Economic Development Council. "The council is a vital business organization that is expanding services to meet the needs of the business community in these difficult economic times."

For the 2011-2012 year the officers will be First Vice Chairman Roger N. Huggins, a partner in the West Chester law firm of Gawthrop Greenwood; Second Vice Chairman F. William Bogle, President of Genesis Packaging Technologies; Treasurer Edward J. Breiner, President and Chief Executive Officer of Schramm, Inc.; and Secretary James G. Reading, President of RedGo Development.

Parker, who resides in Upper Darby, was appointed President of Delaware County Community College on January 1, 2003, by the College's Board of Trustees. A graduate of Wesleyan University, he holds a M.S. in adult education from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee and a Ph.D. in higher education administration from the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

Parker started his career at DCCC as Assistant to the Vice President for Administration in 1977. Since that time, he has served as Executive Assistant to the President, Dean of Management Systems, Planning and Enrollment Management, and Vice President for Community and Corporate Education.

Besides serving with the Economic Development Council, Parker is a member of a number of other professional and civic organizations. He has written and lectured extensively on the applications of total quality management in educational settings.

The Chester County Economic Development Council is a private, non-profit economic development organization that has been nurturing economic growth in Chester County and the surrounding region for 50 years. The Council's portfolio of business growth services includes: low-interest financing, small business lending, workforce training, retention and expansion,

customized international business assistance, land and building site selection, brownfields consultation and remediation, urban redevelopment, and agricultural economic development. The Council also offers state-of-the art conference and training facilities at its facility in Eagleview. For more information, see www.cceconomicdevelopment.com.