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## **GCC TAPS HILL VETERAN AS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

WASHINGTON, December 21, 1998 – The Global Climate Coalition (GCC) today named Glenn F. Kelly as its Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, GCC Board of Directors Chair Connie Holmes announced.

Kelly joins the GCC from the office of Rep. Jo Ann Emerson (R-MO), where he was Deputy Chief of Staff and senior policy advisor. Previously, Kelly was a senior aide to Rep. Emerson's late husband, Rep. Bill Emerson.

"Glenn Kelly brings a wealth of experience to the Global Climate Coalition," Holmes said. "We are fortunate to be able to tap both his leadership skills and his expertise with climate issues."

As top policy advisor to Rep. Emerson, Kelly was directly charged with guiding her policy initiatives on climate change. An active and outspoken member on the issue, Rep. Emerson represented the United States Congress as an observer at major UN climate change treaty negotiations in Kyoto and Buenos Aires over the past two years.

"I am eager to continue building on the GCC's tremendous record of success in the on-going, important debate regarding climate change," Kelly said. "Some of the best and brightest minds in the business are among the Coalition's membership, and I am honored by the opportunity to work with them."

"Each year, the Coalition faces many new challenges." Holmes said. "As we continue our aggressive, voluntary efforts to reduce emissions, we are committed to developing and promoting long term climate policies that ensure continued economic growth and U.S. competitiveness while still protecting American families and their jobs. Glenn's expertise and ability will help us deliver this message."

Holmes also announced the appointment of Eric Holdsworth as Deputy Director of the Coalition. Holdsworth has been the Associate Director of GCC for the past 3 years.

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*The Global Climate Coalition is an organization of trade associations and private companies established in 1989 to coordinate participation in the scientific and policy debate on global climate change.*

