Endorsements Continue for AAG Resolution
The "AAG Resolution Supporting K-12 Geography Education" continues to gain support in Washington and around the country, and in recent weeks a number of key policymakers and organizations have signed onto the document:

- **Governor Pat Quinn (D-Illinois).** Pat Quinn is the 41st governor of the Prairie State, having taken office on January 29, 2009 upon the departure of former Governor Rod Blagojevich. He was elected to a full term in 2010, capturing almost 1.75 million votes. Quinn served previously as Lt. Governor, State Treasurer, and Revenue Director of the City of Chicago. Quinn holds a BA from Georgetown and a JD from the Northwestern University School of Law.

- **Governor Haley Barbour (R-Mississippi).** Haley Barbour took office as the 63rd Governor of Mississippi in 2004 and has served the people of the Magnolia State for the last seven years. His notable career also includes service as a White House advisor to President Reagan and as Chairman of the Republican National Committee. He holds a BA and JD from the University of Mississippi.

- **Governor Earl Ray Tomblin (D-West Virginia).** Earl Ray Tomblin has been serving as acting governor of the Mountain State since November 15, 2010, when then-Governor Joe Manchin resigned to take a seat in the U.S. Senate. He was first elected to the state legislature in 1974 and holds a BS from West Virginia University and an MBA from Marshall. Tomblin is the Democratic nominee for Governor in the special election to be held on October 4, 2011.

- **Lt. Governor Phil Bryant (R-Mississippi).** Phil Bryant was sworn-in as Mississippi’s 37th Lieutenant Governor in January 2008 after capturing 59 percent of the vote. He was elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives in 1992 and re-elected in 1995. Bryant was appointed State Auditor in 1996 and twice won election to the position. He is now in his fourth year as Lt. Governor and is the 2011 GOP nominee for Governor.

- **American Meteorological Society (AMS).** The AMS promotes the development and dissemination of information and education on the atmospheric and related oceanic and hydrologic sciences and the advancement of their professional applications. Founded in 1919, AMS has a membership of more than 14,000 professionals, students, and weather enthusiasts.

- **National Council for Science and the Environment (NCSE).** The NCSE is an organization dedicated to improving the scientific basis for environmental decisionmaking. NCSE specializes in programs that foster collaboration between the diverse institutions and individuals creating and using environmental knowledge, including research, education, environmental, and business organizations as well as governmental bodies at all levels.

- **U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC).** USGBC is a non-profit organization that promotes sustainability in how buildings are designed, built, and operated. The Council is best known for the development of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building rating systems.

With the addition of Governors Quinn, Barbour, and Tomblin, the resolution has now been endorsed by a bipartisan group of eight incumbent governors. Readers in Mississippi and West Virginia should be aware that the AAG has asked Hattiesburg Mayor Johnny DuPree (D) and Morgantown businessman Bill Maloney (R) to endorse the resolution, but have yet to receive confirmation from either candidate. DuPree and Maloney are the nominees of their respective parties for this fall’s gubernatorial elections, opposing Bryant and Tomblin respectively.

Ron Paul Calls for Elimination of FEMA
In the midst of Hurricane Irene, which flooded much of the U.S. Eastern Seaboard, and Tropical Storm Lee, which had much the same impact on the Gulf Coast, Congressman Ron Paul (R-TX), a GOP Presidential Candidate, called for the elimination of the Federal Emergency Man-