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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

For over 30 years Tony Crumbley has served in various research positions at the Charlotte Chamber where he is currently Vice President of Research having begun his career as a summer intern from UNC Charlotte. His duties include development of market research for the City of Charlotte. Covered are economic, demographic and real estate studies. His efforts have helped guide the economic development of the Charlotte area. In the last 10 years alone, his work has guided more than 8,800 new firms to create nearly 80,000 new jobs in Mecklenburg County.

Tony is a graduate of UNC Charlotte with a degree in Business Administration and has continued his graduate studies in Economic Geography. He is also a graduate of UNC Chapel Hill's Basic Industrial Development Course. In 1990, Tony was granted the status of Certified Community Researcher by ACCRA, a national organization of Applied Community Researchers. He was the first in the nation to receive this certification. Today, fewer than 25 nationally can make such a claim.

As President of the ACCRA, Tony was instrumental in the formation of the National Center for Applied Community Research which became operational at UNC Charlotte in the summer of 1988. Tony is also a past President of the Charlotte Chapter of the American Marketing Association. The Chapter won the National Chapter Excellence Award for his year of service. He is active in the Charlotte Economic Club and is in considerable demand for his presentations on the local economy. Tony has served on numerous boards and committees including co-chair of the Mayor's 1980 and 1990 Census Complete Count Committee, a board member of the American Chamber of Commerce Executives, the Employment Security Commission Advisory Board, a member of the United Way Marketing Research Committee, UNC Charlotte Foundation Executive Committee, UNC Charlotte School of Business Alumni Advisory Board and UNC Charlotte Technical Writers Advisory Board and is a past President of the UNC Charlotte Alumni Board of Governors. In 2004 Tony was selected to the UNC Charlotte Alumni Hall of Fame.

Tony is an avid collector of North Carolina postal history with a concentration in the Confederate era. He has served as co-editor of the North Carolina Postal History Society Journal for more than 20 years and has recently published their 50th issue. He is also a past President of the Confederate Stamp Alliance, a national organization of Confederate stamp collectors. In his more than 30 active years in the hobby, Tony has published hundreds of articles and books on North Carolina and Confederate postal history.

A native of Kannapolis, North Carolina, Tony is married to Renea Funderburk Crumbley and has two children. He has been active in many local community projects, including numerous executive level positions with the Boy Scouts.