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**JIM VICKREY TO PRESENT BOOK TALK AT THE ARCHIVES ON JANUARY 12 AT 12:00  
'ECHOES' OF ROBERT E. LEE HIGH SCHOOL: THE FIRST DECADE, 1955-65**

Montgomery, AL (1/5/17) – On **Thursday, January 12 at 12:00 pm**, Dr. Jim Vickrey will present *'Echoes' of Robert E. Lee High School: The First Decade, 1955-65* at the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) in Montgomery.

Published in 2015, *'Echoes' of Robert E. Lee High School* focuses on the first decade of Robert E. Lee High School located in Montgomery, Alabama. Co-authored by Dr. Vickrey, Clinton Carter, Kerry Palmer, and Roger Stifflemire, the book combines unique personal experiences with extensive research. During his presentation, Dr. Vickrey will discuss the history of the school, its traditions, its academic and athletic programs, and the legacies that have endured from those early years.

Dr. Jim Vickrey is a native of Montgomery and a 1960 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School where he served as Student Council President. He holds both a bachelors and masters degree from Auburn University and a Juris Doctorate from Faulkner Law School. He served as President of the University of Montevallo from 1977 to 1988 and is Professor Emeritus from Troy University where he taught speech communication. Dr. Vickrey is the editor and co-author of *'Echoes' of Robert E. Lee High School* published by NewSouth Books. He has served on the Alabama Film Commission and various bodies of the Alabama Commission on Higher Education.

Copies of the book will be available at the presentation. For more information, call (334) 353-4689.

The Alabama Department of Archives and History is the state's government records repository, special collections library and research facility, and is home to the Museum of Alabama, the state history museum. It is located in downtown Montgomery, directly across the street from the State Capitol. The Archives and Museum are open Monday through Saturday, 8:30 to 4:30. To learn more, visit [www.archives.alabama.gov](http://www.archives.alabama.gov) or call (334) 242-4364.

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