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## **Reagan Institute Summit on Education Welcomes Rep. Virginia Foxx As Panelist**

*Congresswoman for North Carolina will participate in discussion on innovation and change in education*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute today announced the addition of Rep. Virginia Foxx as a panelist at the Reagan Institute Summit on Education (RISE), held in Washington, D.C., on April 10-11, 2019.

“Having worked both as an educator and as a leader in higher education and workforce development policy, Congresswoman Foxx’s perspective will add greatly to the conversation at RISE,” said Roger Zakheim, Director of the Reagan Institute. “She has an eye not only to what helps university students succeed in the classroom, but a dedication to helping them succeed in the workforce after graduation. We look forward to the insights she will bring to this panel.”

Foxx will participate in a panel session entitled “Breaking Through: The Courage to Change.” The panel will seek to push beyond outdated American education, actively considering paths for reforms and envisioning innovative solutions to equip students for a changing world.

Foxx joins other leaders in education, policy, business and technology participating in RISE 2019. Throughout the conference, bipartisan panels and plenaries will foster conversation on a wide range of education policy issues. These issues include developing a holistic approach to education, preparing students for the job market of the future, surveying the higher education horizon and setting audacious national goals for our education system.

“Anyone who has served in the classroom and in Congress knows the challenges of our current education system,” Foxx said. “We must come together to forge a path to excellence for the students of this country.”

Foxx represents North Carolina’s 5th District in the U.S. House of Representatives and is the lead Republican on the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, where she has served since 2005 and helped lead the groundbreaking legislative overhaul, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, in 2014.

Before coming to Capitol Hill, Foxx served for a decade in the North Carolina State Senate and spent the majority of her career as a teacher and administrator in the state’s higher

education system, where she served as Assistant Dean of Appalachian State University's General College and President of Mayland Community College.

Foxx earned her masters in college teaching from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her doctorate in education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

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