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**Scottsdale Mayor Jim Lane Endorses Frank Riggs
for Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction**

SCOTTSDALE, AZ, (Nov. 1, 2017) - Jim Lane, the Mayor of Scottsdale, AZ, today announced his endorsement of Frank Riggs in the 2018 election for Superintendent of Public Instruction in Arizona.

“As a Mayor and businessman, I admire Frank Riggs’ combination of executive leadership experience and skills, deep knowledge of education policies and practices, and proven ability to get things done,” said Lane. “As an education leader who has gotten results from school board president to the U.S. Congress, he’s the right person at the right time to lead the Arizona Department of Education and our state’s schools.”

Jim lane is in his third term as Scottsdale’s Mayor after a highly successful career in the private sector as a CPA, business owner and entrepreneur.

“I’m honored to have Mayor Lane’s endorsement,” said Riggs. “He’s a visionary leader in our community, region and state on a wide range of issues, including education. I admire his thoughtful, business-like approach to government and his commitment to sound fiscal policy and I intend to bring those same attributes to the job of Superintendent of Public Instruction.”

Mayor Lane concluded, “I appreciate Frank Riggs’ service as an Army veteran, former police officer and Congressman. I’m excited that a person with his balance of education and business experience has decided to run, and I strongly endorse his quest to become the next Superintendent of Public Instruction.”

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Frank Riggs has been a school board president and charter school president. As a three-term U.S. Congressman, he chaired the House of Representatives’ Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families (now the Elementary and Secondary Education Subcommittee). In that capacity, he authored the Charter School Expansion Act of 1998, and was named National Head Start Legislator of the Year and recognized for “Dedication to Children with Disabilities.”

Of his service in Congress, the Heritage Foundation said, “Representative Riggs spearheaded many cutting-edge initiatives like school choice and charter schools.” After leaving Congress, Riggs became CEO of a national nonprofit corporation and Community Development Financial Institution that helped 225 charter schools in 23 states acquire, finance and build their facilities, including 12 Arizona charter schools educating over 5,000 students in grades K-12.

More information at www.riggsforaz.com