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Arizona Businessman Promises to Put Parents and Students First *Education Leader & Former U.S. Congressman Frank Riggs* *files for Superintendent of Public Instruction*

Cave Creek, AZ (April 17, 2017) – In announcing his candidacy, Riggs said, “I will be a tireless advocate for a high-quality education to help every child reach their full potential. I intend to make the Arizona Department of Education fully transparent, responsive and accountable to parents, educators and taxpayers.” Riggs continued, “I will restore the integrity and effectiveness of the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. As the leader of the Arizona Department of Education, I will demonstrate the competence, character and leadership we want as the head of our state’s public schools.”

Riggs has been an education leader for over two decades, from president of a public district school board to U.S. Congressman to nonprofit education CEO. Riggs helped pass Arizona’s first in the nation law requiring high-school students to pass a Civics test to graduate and was a co-chairman of the Prop. 123 initiative giving Arizona public schools \$3.5 billion in new funding over the next decade.

In Riggs’ three terms in Congress, he served on the House Education and the Workforce Committee and chaired its Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families (now known as the Elementary and Secondary Education Subcommittee). Riggs authored key education-related legislation, including the Charter School Expansion Act; Individuals With Disabilities Education Act; and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. Riggs was named “National Head Start Legislator of the Year” and recognized for his dedication to children with disabilities by the Special Education Administrators Association. The Heritage Foundation said, “Representative Riggs spearheaded many cutting-edge initiatives like school choice and charter schools.”

“Quality education means focusing on classroom teaching and learning, and on recruiting and retaining the very best teachers for Arizona’s kids,” Riggs said. “We need to concentrate our efforts and resources on what matters most: great teachers and leaders for every student and school.” Riggs concluded, “I will work every day to strengthen Arizona’s public education system by increasing student learning and improving our under-performing schools, and by closing the achievement gap on the part of disadvantaged students. I will strive to be a Superintendent that every Arizona family can trust knowing I will always put the future of Arizona and our kids first.”

About Frank Riggs

Riggs, a U.S. Army veteran and former police officer, has been a CEO in both the private and nonprofit sectors and is the owner of his own real estate investment business. He studied at Saint Mary’s College of California and the University of Maryland and graduated summa cum laude from Golden Gate University where he received the Associates Award as “The Outstanding Graduate of the Baccalaureate Program in the College of Business and Public Administration.” Frank and his wife Cathy have been married 37 years and Scottsdale homeowners for 15 years. The Riggs’ have three married adult children and four grandchildren.

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