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Alabama Farmers Federation Endorses Cynthia McCarty for State Board of Education

ANNISTON, **Ala.**, — The Alabama Farmers Federation today announced its endorsement of Dr. Cynthia McCarty for the Alabama State Board of Education, District 6.

"I am honored to have received the endorsement from a conservative grassroots organization like the Farmers Federation," McCarty stated. "Alabama's farmers play a critical role in growing our state economy and providing jobs to thousands of hardworking Alabamians. I share their conservative values and will work to improve Alabama's education system. Schools must be controlled locally and we must protect our education system from President Obama and federal overreach."

McCarty graduated from Auburn University and received her Ph.D. from UNC Chapel Hill. McCarty has been an economics professor at Jacksonville State University the past 23 years. She is also the director of JSU's Center for Business and Free Enterprise Education and Entrepreneurship. The Center provides professional development for K-12 teachers and assists them in developing creative, effective teaching methods, specifically in economics and social studies.

McCarty has also been involved with several organizations focusing specifically on the need for economics education in Alabama's public schools. She has previously served as a board member for the Alabama Council on Economic Education. McCarty has authored or co-authored 14 published academic articles and has presented numerous times on the state of Alabama's economy and economic education in K-12 schools.

McCarty and her husband, Pat, are the proud parents of three children, Ethan, William and Daniel. They attend Grace Episcopal Church in Anniston.

The Alabama Farmers Federation is the state's largest farm organization with more than 365,000 members. It uses a true grassroots approach to select candidates, relying on endorsements from county Federation boards for local elections.

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