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California Teacher Named Education Award Finalist by National Federation of Republican Women

National Winner to Be Announced at September Convention in Palm Springs

(ALEXANDRIA, Va.) – The National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) named a California teacher a finalist for the My Favorite Teacher Award, which recognizes excellence in teaching. The national winner will be announced during the organization’s 34th biennial convention in Palm Springs, Calif., Sept. 29.

Diana Blake Barnhart of San Luis Obispo is one of five national finalists of the award, which is open to current or retired teachers and includes letters of endorsement and a written essay. A science teacher at Los Osos Middle School, Barnhart was selected from among 14 state nominees by a national panel of educators.

“Sound education is the key to our nation’s future, but teachers do not receive enough recognition for the work they do,” NFRW President Beverly Davis said. “The goal of this award is to tell our teachers, ‘You’re appreciated, you’re valued and you’re needed.’ Each nominee is an excellent example of how one teacher can make the difference in the lives of many.”

The national winner will be announced during the NFRW My Favorite Teacher Luncheon, set Sept. 29, from 12-2 p.m. at the Palm Springs Convention Center. For more information, visit www.nfrw.org/programs/convention/.

Established in 2001 to honor and recognize excellence in teaching, the My Favorite Teacher Award is presented every two years at the NFRW convention. It is a key component of the NFRW’s *No Child Left Behind* program, a grassroots initiative supporting President George W. Bush’s education reform plan.

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