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## **National Federation of Republican Women Names South Carolina GOP Leader Finalist for Reagan Award**

*National Winner to Be Announced at September Convention in Palm Springs*

(ALEXANDRIA, Va.) – The National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) named a South Carolina Republican leader a finalist for the Ronald Reagan Leadership Award. The national winner will be announced during the organization’s 34th biennial convention in Palm Springs, Calif., Sept. 30.

LaDonna Ryggs, a resident of Greer and president of the South Carolina Federation of Republican Women (SCFRW), is one of five state presidents selected based on overall leadership and initiation of new programs, increases in membership, participation in national programs, and excellence in public relations and campaign efforts.

“I am thrilled to be selected as a finalist for the Reagan Award,” said Ryggs. “It is a real tribute to the hard work and dedication of the women of the South Carolina Federation of Republican Women that I am considered for this award. The SCFRW women are an inspiration to me!”

Mrs. Ryggs has used her background in speech communications to further the cause of the SCFRW. As president since 2005, she has traveled across the state, speaking on behalf of Republican women, promoting the organization and using her “bully pulpit” to encourage greater participation. She has led the SCFRW in organizing several successful new programs, including a statewide caravan to promote statewide candidates and raise awareness of gynecological cancers, a leadership development seminar, a Speakers’ Bureau, and an Americanism essay contest.

The national winner will be announced during the NFRW Awards Luncheon, set Sept. 30, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. at the Palm Springs Convention Center. For more information, visit [www.nfrw.org/programs/convention/](http://www.nfrw.org/programs/convention/).

The award was established by the NFRW in 2005 to recognize the outstanding leadership of one state president and is presented every two years at the biennial convention.

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