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ARKANSAS BOARD MEMBER BRENDA GULLETT CHOSEN AS DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Arlington, Va. — Brenda Gullett, a member of the Arkansas State Board of Education, was re-elected to the board of directors of the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE). Gullett will begin her new two-year term as a director from NASBE's Southern region in January 2013.

“Brenda Gullett’s long service to NASBE and to education in Arkansas on the state board and as a lawmaker provides the board with special insight into those issues educators and policymakers face nationwide,” said NASBE Executive Director Jim Kohlmoos. “States are now the leaders in education innovative, but there is also considerable uncertainty surrounding many facets of this change. Brenda and the rest of the board of directors can provide the support and experience needed to help move us forward through these critical years.”

Gullett, of Fayetteville, AR was appointed to the state board of education in 2007. She was elected to the Jefferson County Quorum Court in 1992 and served there until 1998. The following year, she was elected to the Arkansas House of Representatives and served as a representative until 2001, when she was elected to the state Senate, where she served until 2004. In the Senate, she was vice chairman of the education committee. Independent of her legislative tenure, Gullett served as president of the Learning Disabilities Association from 1992-94. From 2004-2007 she was a trustee of the state School for the Deaf and Blind. Gullett is also the founder of Brenda Gullett Associates, a human resources training firm.

NASBE’s directors help set organizational direction and policy positions while also representing their region’s concerns to state boards nationwide.

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