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Arkansas Speaker of the House Wills Makes Lottery Appointments

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas (April 1, 2009) – Fulfilling his obligation as outlined in the new Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Act, Robbie Wills, Speaker of the Arkansas House of Representatives, today appointed three of the newest members of the nine-member Arkansas Lottery Commission.

Joe White of Conway, Mike Malone of Fayetteville, and Susan Ward-Jones, M.D., of Marion, bring to six the number of commissioners required to be appointed by the legislative branch of state government; three by Wills, and three by President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Senator Bob Johnson. Johnson appointed three commissioners last week, while Governor Beebe, who is also required to appoint three members of the commission, has yet to announce his selections. (*Fact Sheets on appointees are provided with this release.*)

“Before making a decision on the three appointments reserved to the Speaker, I established a criteria of honesty, integrity and state and community responsibility. These three appointees meet those criteria, and more,” Wills said. “I am confident each will work tirelessly to establish a lottery in which Arkansans will be proud to participate, while making possible more scholarships for students who strive to meet the academic qualifications for a college education made possible by lottery proceeds.”

Joe White is a small business owner, former general manager of United Motor Company in Conway, and a member of the Conway Board of First Security Bank. A lifelong Faulkner County resident, White was an unsuccessful candidate in 2008 for the Arkansas State Senate from District 30. In his 43-year career, he has served on the staff, as well as the Board of Trustees of the University of Central Arkansas, helped organize a new bank in Conway, and has served the Faulkner County community in numerous civic and business projects.

“As a staff member and trustee of an institution of higher education, I know firsthand the sorrow students and their families feel when they have the ability and the desire to get a college degree, but simply can’t afford to attend,” White said. “The new Arkansas Lottery will not only be fun for those who choose to play, it will make a college education possible for thousands, and dramatically increase our state’s college-going rates. It will be the Commission’s responsibility to make it work effectively, fairly and honestly.”

Mike Malone served as Deputy Assistant to the President for Management and Administration, and Director of White House Operations during the Clinton Administration. He currently serves as executive director of the Northwest Arkansas Council, a 90-member association of regional civic and business leaders in Washington and Benton Counties. While in Washington, D.C., in 2002 through 2005, Malone oversaw the annual appropriations bill that provided \$140 billion of Federal funds to the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, HUD, and the Federal Judiciary.

“The Arkansas Lottery will give me a great opportunity to put my public and private financial and management experience to work creating a whole new enterprise for Arkansas,” Malone said. “Working with my colleagues on the lottery commission, we will quickly establish the rules and regulations for the operation of what will be an exciting and important funding mechanism providing more scholarships and more opportunity for Arkansas students.”

Susan Ward-Jones, M.D. is Chief Executive Officer of the East Arkansas Family Health Center in West Memphis. A 1993 graduate of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Dr. Ward-Jones completed her residency in Internal Medicine in 1996 and became the medical director of the center, prior to becoming its CEO. She also serves on the Arkansas State Board of Health, and is assistant professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management of the UAMS College of Public Health.

“The Arkansas Scholarship Lottery will provide a tangible opportunity to put a college education within reach for thousands of Arkansans who possibly would not have had access,” Dr. Jones said. “I’m honored to be asked to bring an Eastern Arkansas voice to the conversation, as we endeavor to set up one of the premier education lotteries in the nation. If we improve our college attendance rate, the quality of life for working Arkansans will improve. As a physician, I know we will have a healthier state because more of our citizenry will have access to better health care if they are educated and working.”

Wills appointed White for a six-year term, Malone for a four-year term, and Ward-Jones for a two-year term, as outlined in the new Act. Members of the Commission may be reappointed for a six-year term, but may only serve two terms on the Commission.

The Arkansas Lottery Commission will have the responsibility to supervise, regulate and administer the operation of the lottery, the types of lottery games and tickets to be sold, as well as the amount of prizes awarded to winners. The Commission will also oversee the scholarships funded by lottery net proceeds, and the internal controls and audits necessary to provide to the public financial integrity and accountability.

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FACT SHEET

Joe White
1915 Centennial Club Drive
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Education

1961 – Graduate, Conway High School, Conway, Arkansas

1966 – B.S in Business, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Arkansas

Professional

1966-1977 – Student Center Director, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Arkansas

1984-1998 – Board of Trustees, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Arkansas

1990 – Partner, Board Member and Stockholder, First Community Bank of Conway (new bank charter)

2000 – Board Member, First Security Bank, Conway, Arkansas (First Community Bank sold to First Security Bank)

1977-2006 – General Manager, United Motor Company, Conway, Arkansas

1998-Present – Co-owner, convenience store, Conway, Arkansas

Personal

Married 46 years to the former Sue Ward, retired Conway Public Schools teacher; two daughters, seven grandchildren

FACT SHEET

Mike Malone
1134 Skyline Drive
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701
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Education

1987 – Graduate, Fayetteville High School, Fayetteville, Arkansas

1992 – B.A., *cum laude*, with distinction in Political Science, Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas

1999 – M.A. in Public Affairs, Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Professional

1994-1995 – Senior Advisor for Management, The White House, Washington, D.C.

1995-1996 – Deputy Director of White House Operations

1996-1998 – Special Assistant to the President and Director of White House Operations

1998-1999 – Deputy Assistant to the President for Management and Administration

1999-2000 – Policy Advisor for Congressional and Legislative Affairs, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Washington, D.C.

2000-2001 – Senior Advisor for Presidential Transition, The White House, Washington, D.C.

2001 – Post-Presidency Transition Team, Office of Former President Bill Clinton, Washington, D.C.

2001-2002 – United States Senate Committee of Rules and Administration, Washington, D.C.

2002-2005 – United States House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations (Transportation, Treasury, HUD, Independent Agencies Subcommittee), Washington, D.C.

2006-Present – Executive Director, Northwest Arkansas Council, Fayetteville, Arkansas

Personal

Married, Allyson Malone; two daughters

FACT SHEET

**Susan Ward-Jones, M.D.
432 Danner Cove
Marion, Arkansas 72364
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Education

1983 – Graduate, Central High School, Helena, Arkansas

1987 – B.S. in Biology, Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana

1993 – Doctorate of Medicine, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, Arkansas

1994 – Internship, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, Arkansas

1994-1996 – Residency, Internal Medicine, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, Arkansas

Professional

1996-2006 – Medical Director, East Arkansas Family Health Center, Inc., West Memphis, Arkansas

1998-Present – Medical Director, Arkansas Delta AIDS Care Center, West Memphis, Arkansas

1998-Present – Governor’s Alliance for Regional Excellence

2001-Present – Board Member, Southland Greyhound Park

2006-Present – Chief Executive Officer, East Arkansas Family Health Center, Inc., West Memphis, Arkansas

2009 – President, Community Health Centers of Arkansas

Personal

Married, former State Representative Steven Jones; two children