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RPNM Statement on Death of Former U.S. Treasurer Francine Neff

Albuquerque, NM—GOP Chairman Harvey Yates Jr. and First Vice Chair Nina Martinez both issued statements on the death of Republican activist and Former U.S. Treasurer Francine Neff.

“I was saddened to learn that Francine Neff passed away,” stated Yates. “Treasurer Neff was a pillar in the Republican community, devoting much of her time and energy to local and national political activities. She was a great New Mexican whose talents and accomplishments were recognized at the highest levels. On behalf of New Mexico’s Republican community, I extend our deepest condolences to Francine’s family and loved ones.”

Nina Martinez, who heard Neff as part of NM’s Girls State program, commented, “As a teenager in Las Vegas, I remember hearing Francine Neff speak about the importance of giving back to my community and getting involved in the political process.” “For me, and probably countless others, Mrs. Neff is fondly remembered as a mentor, whose passions and achievements inspired young women to believe that greatness was within reach.”

Francine I. Neff was born in Albuquerque and earned her degree at the University of New Mexico. She became active in Republican politics and served as the RPNM national committeewoman. Neff also served alongside George H.W. Bush from 1972-1974 on the Republican National Executive Committee.

In 1974, Francine Neff was appointed the 35th Treasurer of the United States. She later returned to New Mexico where she remained active in her community and within the Republican Party.

Funeral mass will be held tomorrow, Friday February 12th at 10:00 am at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. John’s which is located at 315 Silver SW in Albuquerque.

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