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Senate Confirms Appointment of Jill Long Thompson to Farm Credit Administration Board

McLEAN, Va., September 22, 2010 — Former Indiana Congresswoman Jill Long Thompson's appointment to the Farm Credit Administration Board has been confirmed by the U.S. Senate. She has been serving on the FCA Board since March 28 following a recess appointment by President Barack Obama. The Senate action was taken on September 16. Dr. Long Thompson will serve the remainder of a six-year term that ends May 21, 2014.

Dr. Long Thompson represented Northeast Indiana as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1989 to 1995, serving on the Agriculture Committee, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and the Select Committee on Hunger. As congresswoman, she introduced one of the nation's first pieces of legislation banning members of Congress from accepting gifts; this legislation also expanded disclosure requirements for lobbying activities.

Dr. Long Thompson is the first and only woman to be nominated by a major party to run for governor in Indiana, as well as the first and only Hoosier woman to be nominated by a major party to run for the U.S. Senate.

From 1995 to 2001, she served as Under Secretary for Rural Development at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where she oversaw an annual budget of \$10 billion and a staff of 7,000 employees. In this position, she managed programs that provide services to the underserved areas of rural America.

In addition, Dr. Long Thompson served as chief executive officer and senior fellow at the National Center for Food and Agricultural Policy, a nonprofit research and policy organization in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Long Thompson also has many years of experience as an educator, having taught at Indiana University, Valparaiso University, and Manchester College. She is also a former fellow at the Institute of Politics at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. She holds the M.B.A. and Ph.D. in Business from the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University and a B.S. in Business Administration from Valparaiso University.

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Dr. Long Thompson grew up on a family farm outside of Larwill, Ind.; today she lives with her husband, Don Thompson, on a farm near Argos, Ind.

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