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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Aderholt, Caroline – Caroline Aderholt is an owner, manager, and shareholder in family-owned businesses involved in farming and real estate including McDonald Farms Partnership, Greenbrier Enterprises LLC, and Armadale Properties LLC.

Caroline Aderholt has a long-standing interest in business and politics. In 1990 she graduated from Birmingham-Southern College with a double major in Political Science and Business Management where she served as SGA President. Immediately upon graduation, she managed her father's 1990 race for U.S. Congress for the Fifth Congressional District of Alabama as well as worked for the George Bush advance team during 1990.

In 1991 Aderholt joined the Metropolitan Development Board (MDB) in Birmingham, Alabama. It was at MDB that Caroline began her lifelong interest in economic development. MDB is the economic development agency for the five-county area surrounding Birmingham. While at MDB, she served as Director of Medical Economic Development, responsible for marketing Birmingham's growing medical and research assets to prospective companies. MEDAL, Medical Economic Development Alliance, has served as the foundation for countless economic development efforts since then in the Birmingham area.

After marrying her husband Robert in 1994, Caroline continued contract work for the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama and the Business Council of Alabama. However, politics soon became Caroline's main focus in 1996 when her husband won a successful bid for the U.S. Congress for the Fourth Congressional

District of Alabama. In 1999, Caroline and Robert became parents to a daughter, Mary Elliott, and again in 2004 to a son, Robert Hayes. Priorities shifted, and Caroline would devote her time to raising children and representing her husband at official and political events.

In 2015, Caroline Aderholt joined Concerned Women for America (CWA) as their Chief of Staff in Washington, DC. CWA is the nation's largest public policy women's organization dedicated to helping its members apply Biblical principles to all levels of public policy. As Chief of Staff, Caroline oversaw the Legislative Department and lobbyists for CWA, directing the legislative agenda for the organization. Caroline crafted and led CWA's strategy to promote and lobby the Senate to confirm Judge Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court as well as led an effort with a small group of national organizations to craft one of the most conservative platforms in history at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland. Caroline left her fulltime position at CWA in 2018, and in 2019 was asked to join their National Board of Directors.

Caroline Aderholt finished a 12-year term on the University of Montevallo Board of Trustees in 2017, a public liberal arts college in Alabama, where she served as Secretary of the Board. She also currently enjoys serving on the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

Most recently, Caroline was chosen to serve on the Auburn Board of Trustees. Her work at Auburn allows her to contribute to her lifelong passions of agribusiness, economic development, and Auburn University.

Caroline Aderholt remains active serving in leadership roles in Washington D.C. as President of the Republican Spouses Club, The Congressional Club (a bi-partisan setting for friendship among spouses of members of Congress), and The International Club Number One, which promotes friendship among spouses of elected officials and spouses of Ambassadors in Washington, D.C. She also enjoys her work on the National Prayer Breakfast Foundation where she serves as Secretary of the Board.

Eagle Forum is thrilled to have Caroline on its National Board of Directors.

Aderholt, Rep. Robert (R-AL) – On January 3, 2025, Congressman Robert Aderholt took the oath of office to serve another two-year term in Congress.

As one of the most influential legislators in the U.S. Congress, Congressman Aderholt is a member of the House Committee on Appropriations, which oversees federal government funding. He chairs the Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health & Human Services, and Education—responsible for the largest non-defense segment of the federal budget. Aderholt also serves on the Agriculture Subcommittee and the Defense Subcommittee.

Despite his legislative responsibilities, Congressman Aderholt prioritizes constituent services. Each year, he assists hundreds of constituents in Alabama's Fourth District with issues related to Social Security, veterans' benefits, passports, and other federal agencies.

Aderholt chairs the Values Action Team (VAT), a Congressional Member Organization dedicated to promoting families, communities, and religious freedom.

A steadfast advocate for his district and the state of Alabama, Aderholt emphasizes economic development and supports initiatives that foster job creation, enforce strong immigration policies, and enhance national security.

Before his election to Congress, Aderholt served as Assistant Legal Advisor to Governor Fob James and as Municipal Judge for Haleyville,

Alabama. A product of Alabama's public schools, he earned his B.A. from Birmingham-Southern College and his J.D. from Cumberland School of Law at Samford University.

Born on July 22, 1965, Aderholt and his wife, Caroline, reside in Haleyville. Their daughter, Mary Elliott, married Grant Whitt in March of 2025, and they now reside in Huntsville. Their son, Robert Hayes, attends Auburn University.

Alexandre, JD, Jonathan – Jonathan Alexandre is an attorney and Vice President of Governmental Affairs for Liberty Counsel. A litigation firm dedicated to advancing religious freedom, the sanctity of life, and the family. In this capacity, Jonathan consults with and advises law and policy makers at the federal, state, and local levels across the nation. Jonathan serves as Legislative Counsel for the Maryland Family Institute. Jonathan was a Presidential Appointee serving on the Board of Directors for The United States Agency for Global Media for the Trump Administration.

Jonathan serves as General Counsel for the Frederick Douglass Foundation. Jonathan was formerly the Assistant General Counsel and Public Policy Coordinator for the Massachusetts Family Institute in Boston. Alexandre developed the Massachusetts Attorney Resource Council, a network of pro-family Massachusetts attorneys. Jonathan previously worked for The Jerusalem Center of Public Affairs in Jerusalem, Israel, as a Scholar in Residence, and the United States Army's Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School. He is Married to His Wife Renee Alexandre. They are blessed with two baby girls.

Biggs, Rep. Andy (R-AZ) – Andy Biggs was first elected to serve the people of Arizona's Fifth District in 2016. He currently serves on the House Oversight and Accountability Committee and the House Judiciary Committee, where he is the Chairman of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance.

From 2019 through 2021, he served as Chairman of the House Freedom Caucus. He is a co-chair of the Border Security Caucus and a co-founder of the bipartisan War Powers Caucus.

Prior to his election to Congress, Andy served in the Arizona State House of Representatives for

eight years, and in the Arizona State Senate for six years. In 2012, Andy was elected Senate President.

Andy received his B.A. in Asian Studies from Brigham Young University, his J.D. from University of Arizona, and his M.A. in Political Science from Arizona State University.

An Arizona native, Andy and his wife, Cindy, have lived in Gilbert for over 35 years. They have six children and are the grandparents of eleven grandchildren.

Carpenter, Anne Schlafly - Anne Schlafly Carpenter is Chairman of Eagle Forum and has served on Eagle Forum boards of directors since 2008.

From 2012-16, Anne Carpenter was the regular guest host for “Eagle Forum Live,” a weekly radio show on the Bott Radio Network, and she hosted fifty programs. She has emceed several Eagle Forum events over the years, including Eagle Council and Collegians.

Anne is the daughter of Phyllis Schlafly, and the author of *Faithfully, Phyllis in the Kitchen: the Phyllis Schlafly Cookbook, How to Speak Liberal*, and *Is Our Constitution in Jeopardy?*

Anne has a B.A. in history from Georgetown University.

Cruz, Sen, Ted (R-TX) – In 2013, Ted was sworn into the United States Senate, where he has been a passionate fighter for limited government, economic growth, and national security. He has authored dozens of legislative measures that have been signed into law, including expanding 529 college savings accounts to allow parents to save for K-12 public, private, and religious education, repealing Obamacare’s individual mandate, imposing sanctions on terrorists who use civilians as human shields, designating North Korea as a state sponsor of terrorism, targeting Putin’s Nord Stream 2 pipeline through multiple bills that halted construction and kept it stalled, reauthorizing and reforming NASA, holding dictatorships in South America accountable, and ensuring the availability of additional records to help solve civil rights cold cases.

Ted is honored to serve as the Chairman on the Commerce Committee, a position that gives him the chance to have a far-reaching impact on innovation and growth across the landscape of daily life. As Chairman, he is focused on furthering innovation in the telecommunications space, protecting Americans’ privacy and security, helping Americans travel safely and more efficiently, and ensuring that the U.S. continues to lead the world in space exploration.

He is also leading the fight in the Senate to support Texas jobs, rein in Big Tech, secure the border, and fundamentally reassess the U.S.-China relationship and hold the Chinese Communist Party accountable for covering up the coronavirus pandemic, committing human rights atrocities, and engaging in censorship, propaganda, and espionage in the United States.

Ted, his wife Heidi, their two daughters Caroline and Catherine, and his entire family have been blessed to live the American Dream—the idea that anyone, through hard work and determination, can achieve anything. Ted is committed to ensuring every family has that same opportunity.

Gaetan, PhD, Eleanor – Eleanor Kennelly Gaetan, Ph.D. is the Director of Public Policy at the National Center on Sexual Exploitation and works closely with the NCOSE Law Center where she leads strategic efforts at the federal, state, and local government levels encouraging them to develop policies for a world free from sexual exploitation. She previously served as senior legislative advisor for the Coalition Against Trafficking in Women International (CATW) and was instrumental in passing major U.S. legislation including the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act (JVTA) in 2015; the SESTA-FOSTA law criminalizing Internet service providers that engage in human trafficking; and the Trafficking Victims Protection Re-Authorization Act of 2018.

Gerritson, Becky – Becky is the Executive Director of Alabama Eagle Forum.

She began her journey in conservative grassroots politics when she and her husband founded the Wetumpka TEA Party in 2009, which quickly

grew to be the largest and most active TEA Party in Alabama. She served as President until January 2019.

Honcoop, Cindy - Cindy Honcoop serves as the State Director for Washington Eagle Forum, a national conservative grassroots organization founded by Phyllis Schlafly. Prior to her appointment by Mrs. Schlafly to this position in 2000 Cindy was an active leader in her local Eagle Forum chapter for many years. As State Director Cindy oversees the work of Washington Eagle Forum including its publications, membership, e- team, website, Facebook, and Twitter. She speaks extensively across Washington State to numerous conservative groups. Her passion is to engage citizens in the process of self-government at every level – local, state and national. Cindy is frequently in Olympia during legislative sessions meeting with legislators, testifying at hearing, and networking with other conservative organizations.

Cindy is married to husband Gary, and together they have four children and eight grandchildren.

Kyle, David – David Kyle is a seasoned professional with over 23 years of experience across a diverse range of industries. From leading successful businesses to managing nonprofit organizations, David has built a strong reputation for his expertise in political consulting, marketing strategies, and public relations. A highlight of his professional work includes spending 3 years working for National Eagle Forum under the direction of Phyllis Schlafly. Currently, he owns and manages his own firm, Veracity Enterprises, serves as Director of the nonprofit Drug Safe Utah, and is on the Board of Directors for Utah Eagle Forum. Known for his forward-thinking approach, David leverages technology to drive innovative solutions and enhance organizational effectiveness. His commitment to leadership, creative problem-solving, and coalition building continues to create positive outcomes in both business and public service initiatives.

Lee, Sen. Mike (R-UT) – Elected in 2010 as Utah's 16th Senator, Mike Lee has spent his career defending the basic liberties of Americans

as a tireless advocate for our founding constitutional principles.

Senator Lee graduated from Brigham Young University with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science and served as BYU's Student Body President in his senior year. He graduated from BYU's Law School in 1997 and went on to serve as law clerk to Judge Dee Benson of the U.S. District Court for the District of Utah, and then with future Supreme Court Justice Judge Samuel A. Alito, Jr. on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

He spent several years as an attorney with the law firm Sidley & Austin specializing in appellate and Supreme Court litigation and then served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Salt Lake City arguing cases before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. He was Governor Jon Huntsman's General Counsel and was later honored to reunite with Justice Alito, now on the Supreme Court, for a one-year clerkship. He returned to private practice in 2007.

Today, Senator Lee fights to support constitutionally limited government, fiscal responsibility, individual liberty, and economic prosperity. He is a member of the Judiciary Committee, and serves as Chairman of the Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights Subcommittee protecting business competition and personal freedom. He is the Chairman of the Water and Power Subcommittee of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, serves on the Commerce Committee and the Joint Economic Committee, as well. In the 114th Congress, Lee also began his tenure as Chairman of the Senate Steering Committee.

Senator Lee is married to Sharon, and they have three children.

Niforatos, Luke – Luke Niforatos serves as the Executive Vice President of Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) and is widely recognized as one of the nation's leading drug policy experts. Leveraging more than a decade working on drug, addiction and health care issues, Luke drives the strategy behind SAM's federal, state, and educational initiatives. Luke has testified in state capitals across America. He is a sought-after guest at major media outlets including

ABC, Fox News, NBC, CNBC, CSPAN, Newsmax, and network affiliates, as well as syndicated and local radio shows in markets coast to coast. Luke has been featured in Time Magazine and as a speaker at drug policy events held by The Economist, the United Nations' Commission on Narcotic Drugs, and hundreds of town halls. Prior to joining SAM, he was the co-founder of a successful healthcare company. Luke attended the University of Denver and has a Master of Arts from Johns Hopkins University.

Richards, PhD, Jay – Jay W. Richards, PhD, is Director of the Richard and Helen DeVos Center for Human Flourishing and the William E. Simon Senior Research Fellow in American Principles and Public Policy at The Heritage Foundation. He is also a senior fellow at the Discovery Institute.

Jay is author or editor of more than a dozen books, including the New York Times bestsellers *Infiltrated* (2013) and *Indivisible* (2012); *The Human Advantage*; *Money, Greed, and God*, winner of a 2010 Templeton Enterprise Award; *The Hobbit Party with Jonathan Witt*; and *Eat, Fast, Feast*. His most recent book, with James Robison, is *Fight the Good Fight: How an Alliance of Faith and Reason Can Win the Culture War*.

He is also creator and executive producer of several documentaries, including three that have appeared widely on PBS.

Jay's articles and essays have been published in The Harvard Business Review, Wall Street Journal, Barron's, Washington Post, The New York Post, Newsweek, Forbes, Fox News, National Review Online, The Hill, Investor's Business Daily, Washington Times, The Philadelphia Inquirer, The Huffington Post, The Federalist, The Daily Caller, and many other publications.

His work has been covered widely in publications such as The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Times, Nature, Science, Astronomy, Physics Today, The Chronicle of Higher Education, and Congressional Quarterly Researcher.

Jay has appeared on hundreds of radio and

television programs, including Larry King Live (CNN), CBS Evening News, MSNBC, Huckabee, Dayside, Fox and Friends, Studio B with Shepard Smith (Fox News), Glenn Beck TV, PBS, CBN, TBN, and is a regular guest on EWTN.

An experienced public speaker, he has spoken at academic conferences; college and university campuses in the United States, Europe, and Asia; many think tanks in the U.S. and Europe; public policy meetings; and on several occasions to members of the U.S. Congress and U.S. congressional staff. His 2008 debate at Stanford University with Christopher Hitchens, moderated by Ben Stein, was broadcast live to several hundred churches in North America.

Ruzicka, Gayle is the president of Utah Eagle Forum and has played a major role in the battle to protect traditional marriage in Utah. She hosts a radio show and is Utah's leading spokeswoman for pro-family, conservative causes. Gayle and her husband are the parents of 12 children and 42 grandchildren.

Smith, Eunie – Eunie Smith is the President Emeritus of Eagle Forum. She has served on the Eagle Forum Board since the Board's inception in 1975 and was elected in 1996 on Phyllis Schlafly's recommendation. She was elected President in 2016 and served until 2022.

She is a cum laude graduate of Vanderbilt University where she was Vice-President of the Women's Student Government Association. Her volunteer activities in Alabama began with the Junior League, other service organizations, her church, and her children's schools. As President of Pro-America (1970), she invited Phyllis Schlafly to speak in Birmingham. In 1972, Eunie co-founded Alabama Stop ERA, which she chaired for its 10-year existence. She was a founder of Eagle Forum of Alabama (1976) and is its longest serving President. She was President of the Women's Committee of 100 for Birmingham. She was Chairman of the Ethics and Religious Committee (2011) of the Southern Baptist Convention. She currently serves as a member of the Alabama Supreme Court Standing Committee on Judicial Ethics (2008-2021). She is the recipient of numerous awards for her lifetime of volunteer service including a 1992 Joint Resolution by the Alabama

Legislature “for outstanding service in support or pro-family and pro-life causes”. In 2016 she received the “Salt and Light” Award from ALCAP (Alabama Citizens Action Program).

Eunie is the widow of former U.S. Congressman Albert Lee Smith, Jr., the mother of three and grandmother of six. She was singularly honored by Phyllis Schlafly in 2014 with the Eagle Forum Homemaker of the Year Award.

Ullman, Chris - Chris Ullman is a communications professional, author, inspirational speaker, mentor, and champion whistler. He is president of Ullman Communications, a strategic advisory firm, and previously served as Director of Global Communications at The Carlyle Group, led communications at the White House Budget Office, ran the public affairs office at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, and was spokesman for the U.S House Budget Committee.

Chris is the Strategic Communications Expert in Residence at High Point University, a Senior Advisor at Narrative Strategies, and a Trustee of The Fund for American Studies. He earned his B.A. in political science from Binghamton University and is a four-time international whistling champion and member of the Whistlers Hall of Fame.

Chris is the author of *Find Your Whistle: Simple Gifts Touch Hearts and Change Lives* and *Four Billionaires and a Parking Attendant: Success Strategies of the Wealthy, Powerful, and Just Plain Wise*.

He and his wife Kristen have three children and live in Alexandria, VA.

Ullman, Kristen A., JD – Kris (Ardizzone) Ullman is the president of Eagle Forum. She began working with Phyllis Schlafly in Eagle Forum’s Washington, D.C. office in August 1994. She was promoted to Executive Director in 1995.

In March 1998, Kris began working as Legislative Director for Missouri Senator John Ashcroft, where she was able to use her knowledge gained from Eagle Forum in the US Senate and then served Attorney General

Ashcroft in the Department of Justice where she focused on 2nd Amendment issues.

Since having her first of three children, Kris has been a full-time mom. She volunteers in various capacities and is a member of the Eagle Forum Board.

Voyles, Suzi – Suzi Voyles is president of Georgia Eagle Forum. She has been a leader in grassroots politics for more than 20 years and is a Board Member of the National Federation of Republican Women. She has been the Executive Director of her county’s Republican Party, was the Trump/Pence Georgia Field Director in 2016, and she has served on boards of election to ensure voting integrity in national, state, county, and municipal elections.

Actively involved in public policy lobbying, Suzi co-authored Congenital Heart Defect Awareness bills that passed both the U.S. House and the U. S. Senate in 2005 and both houses of the Georgia General Assembly in 2006.

She serves as the State Director for Maggie’s List, a federal PAC that promotes the election of conservative women to federal office.

Waters, Emma - Emma Waters is a Policy Analyst in the Center for Technology and the Human Person at The Heritage Foundation. Her work focuses on family, biotechnology, and reproductive medicine

Waters is a former Visiting Fellow with Independent Women’s Forum and a monthly contributor with World magazine.

Prior to this, she worked as the Coalitions Manager of American Moment and periodically cohosted their podcast, Moment of Truth. Previously, she worked as a Research Intern with the Institute for Family Studies and a Research Consultant for the Realignment Podcast. In 2021, she won the American Enterprise Institutes’ Young Scholars Award where she wrote and published an in-depth paper on child support policy in the state of Tennessee, including qualitative interviews with 25 nonresident fathers.

Her work may be found in First Things, Washington Post, Fox News, Newsweek, World

Magazine, RealClear Policy, RealClear Health, The Federalist, the Institute for Family Studies, The Gospel Coalition, Problematic Women podcast, The American Conservative, The American Mind, The Daily Signal, and more.

She graduated Valedictorian of Lee University with a double major in Political Science and Biblical & Theological Studies. You can find her on Twitter @emlwaters.

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