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SENATE CONFIRMS ROUNDTABLE CHAIRMAN GREG JONES TO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

(Sacramento, CA) –The California Senate confirmed California Business Roundtable Chairman Greg Jones to serve on the State Board of Education. Governor Schwarzenegger originally appointed Jones to the position in February of 2008 where he has served for one year.

Mr. Jones is President and CEO of State Farm General Insurance Company (retired) and member of the Chairman’s Council. In that capacity, he focused his efforts full-time to further State Farm’s education and outreach efforts.

For the past two years, Mr. Jones has served as the Chairman of the California Business Roundtable and its education affiliate California Business for Education Excellence Foundation. He has been a vocal champion of raising student academic achievement and closing achievement gaps in California’s K-12 public schools to better prepare the future workforce of California.

“I am honored to be confirmed to serve on the State Board of Education,” said Jones. “Quality schools are the bedrock of a thriving economy in California. I look forward to continuing my work on the Board to ensure that all of the students in our public schools leave the 12th grade ready for college and ready for work.”

“As a leader in California’s business community, Greg Jones has consistently emphasized the need to improve our schools in order to adequately prepare students for college or work,” stated Bill Hauck, President of the California Business Roundtable. “Greg is a man of great character and high integrity. His dedication to getting all students to grade level proficiency will serve him well on the State Board.”

Mr. Jones also is a member of the board of directors of the Operation HOPE Incorporated. He is a past chair of Junior Achievement of Southern California, past chair of the Los Angeles Urban League and trustee of the National Urban League.

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