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Governer makes appointment to AIDB Board of Trustees

Gov. Robert Bentley has appointed Frances Taylor of Huntsville to the Board of Trustees of the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind. Mrs. Taylor will represent the 5th Congressional District of Alabama for a term ending in November 2014.

A graduate of Athens High School, Taylor earned a bachelors degree in history from Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, Va. She recently began work as a defense contractor program manager with IMMC (Integrated Materiel Management Command) for MSSI, where she is responsible for writing business case analysis development for major weapon systems. Previously she served as senior branch team member for Intergraph Corporation, responsible for writing business analysis for various weapon systems. She was selected as primary liaison between

weapon system offices and performance based logistics offices to provide oversight and accuracy of programs.

In addition, Taylor has worked with USAFE (United States Air Forces in Europe) as lead evaluator on various Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st century events. She has completed Green Belt training and is working on Black Belt certification.

She is married to Robert Taylor, owner of Independence Realty, and they have four children. Her community activities include the American Cancer Society, various parents associations, South Huntsville Civic Association, Huntsville Community Watch, Huntsville Press Club, Army Aviation Association of America, Association of the United States Army, National Rifle Association and member of the Holy Spirit Church. She is past president and founding

member of the Republican Women of Huntsville and a member of the Madison County and Alabama State Executive Committees.

The AIDB Board of Trustees are appointed by the governor of Alabama to serve six year terms upon confirmation by the Senate. The board is comprised of 13 members representing every Congressional District in Alabama, including four from Talladega County and three members who are mandated to be former students of AIDB and who serve at-large.

Established in 1858, Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind is the nation's most comprehensive education and service program for individuals of all ages who are deaf, blind or deaf-blind and multidisabled. AIDB serves more than 20,500 individuals each year in all 67 counties of the state, operating five campuses in Talladega

and a network of Regional Centers.

AIDB's campuses in Talladega include the Alabama School for the Deaf, Alabama School for the Blind, Helen Keller School of Alabama (serving deaf, blind and multidisabled children), the Gentry campus (a post-secondary rehabilitation and training program for adults) and the Alabama Industries for the Blind. AIDB Regional Centers offer a lifelong continuum of services for people with hearing and vision loss — from infants and toddlers to senior citizens in homes and communities across the state. Regional Centers are located in Birmingham, Dothan, Huntsville, Montgomery, Mobile, Talladega, Tuscaloosa and Tuscumbia