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Governor-Elect Tim Kaine Appoints Secretary of Education

Richmond – Governor-elect Tim Kaine today announced that Thomas R. Morris will serve as Secretary of Education in his cabinet.

Morris has served as President of Emory & Henry College in Emory, Virginia, since 1992. In addition to his responsibilities as President, Morris continued to teach courses in political science and served as a member of the Appalachian College Association Executive Committee. Prior to being named President of Emory & Henry, Morris spent over two decades teaching political science at the University of Richmond, where he served as chair of the Faculty Council and was honored as a University Distinguished Educator.

“Tom has spent well over three decades working to educate Virginia’s young people,” Kaine said. “His private college leadership experience, at both an urban institution and a small, rural college, gives him a unique understanding of our world class education system. Tom will be an invaluable resource in advancing Virginia’s educational system, from early childhood learning through graduate education and beyond.”

- **Thomas R. Morris, Secretary of Education, 61.** A native of Galax, Morris has served as President of Emory & Henry College since 1992, where he also serves as professor of political science. Significant accomplishments of his presidency include a 44 percent increase in enrollment, an endowment that more than quadrupled, and a major land acquisition that doubled the size of campus.

Morris brought to the college 21 years of higher education experience at the University of Richmond, where he served as chair of the Faculty Council, Director of the Graduate Program in Political Science, and Chair of the Department of Political Science. During his teaching career at U of R, Morris was honored as a University Distinguished Educator (1982) and received a National Science Foundation Grant for a voting rights study (1989-1991).

A distinguished Constitutional scholar and political scientist, Morris is the author or co-author of four books, including *Virginia Government and Politics: Readings and Comments*, a 1998 work he co-edited with Dr. Larry Sabato of the University of Virginia, and numerous articles and book chapters.

Morris chaired the Commission on Virginia’s State and Local Tax Structure for the 21st Century and was a member of Governor Mark Warner’s Commission on Efficiency and Effectiveness.

Morris earned his bachelor’s degree at the Virginia Military Institute and his master’s and doctoral degrees from the University of Virginia.

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