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Becky Norton Dunlop, a prominent leader, strategist and life-long grass-roots activist in the conservative movement continues eighteen years' formal association with The Heritage Foundation as the leading think tank's Ronald Reagan Distinguished Fellow-- the only policy chair in the country to be officially named for the 40th president.

In this capacity, Dunlop is an ambassador for Heritage to the worldwide conservative movement giving speeches and providing insight and counsel. She works tirelessly to assure that the legacy of principles, policies and practices represented by the life and service of President Ronald Reagan remain always in the hearts and minds of the American people.

Dunlop was Heritage's Vice President for External Relations from 1998 until May 2016.

Dunlop's speeches and other appearances on behalf of Heritage continue to keep her on the road, addressing a variety of audiences on how conservative principles meet the challenges of today's issues. Young people – from mid-schoolers to law students – provide some of her favorite interactions amid the rounds with political leaders, conservative organizations, civic and business groups and government organizations.

She served as a senior official in the Reagan Administration from 1981-1989 inside the White House, at the Department of Justice and at the Department of the Interior. Dunlop ran her own strategic management and communications consulting firm, Century Communications, and also served from 1994-98 as Secretary of Natural Resources in the Cabinet of Virginia Governor George Allen.

Dunlop considers her work for the nation on behalf of President Ronald Reagan to be among the greatest privileges of her life. As political director for the American Conservative Union from 1973 to 1977 she was instrumental in organizing grassroots activist for the Reagan 1976 presidential nomination campaign and advised the Reagan 1980 nomination and election campaigns. From his inauguration in 1981 to 1985, her White House posts included Deputy Assistant to the President for Presidential Personnel and Special Assistant to the President and Director of his Cabinet office.

During Reagan's second term, Dunlop served as senior special assistant to Attorney General Edwin Meese, in charge of managing Cabinet-level domestic policy issues. She oversaw major policy reports on the environment, the family, federalism, tort reform, privatization and welfare reform. She completed her service in the Reagan Administration as Deputy Undersecretary of the Department of Interior and as Assistant Secretary of Interior for Fish, Wildlife and Parks. Dunlop is one of the few of the insiders from the beginnings of the Reagan era who remain active in public policy leadership.

As Virginia's natural resources chief, Dunlop worked to streamline, decentralize and down-size agencies while protecting and improving the environment. She is one of the few "free-market environmentalists" to have headed a state agency and put ideas into action. Her book, *Clearing the Air* (Alexis de Tocqueville Institute, 2000), chronicles some of her experiences in advancing those principles.

Dunlop also served in the administration of President George W. Bush. In 2002, the President appointed her to the part-time post as chairwoman of the Federal Service Impasses Panel, which resolves disputes between federal agencies and labor unions. Under her leadership, the seven-member panel took on several hundred cases, eliminated backlogs and applied the law in a fair and timely manner.

She chairs the Conservative Action Project. Other current leadership roles include serving on the boards of the Virginia Institute for Public Policy, the Reagan Ranch Board of Governors, the Reagan Alumni Association, the Association for American Educators and its Foundation, and the American Conservation Union.

In addition to topics addressing conservative principles and their roots in the nation's founding, Dunlop is a sought-after public speaker on the idea that personnel is policy; on energy and the environment (including free market environmentalism); on federalism as a former State Cabinet Secretary, and; on the Reagan administration (including the 40<sup>th</sup> president's effective leadership style).

A graduate of Miami University in Ohio, she resides in Arlington, Va., with her husband, George S. Dunlop. The Dunlops are members of Oakland Baptist Church in Alexandria.