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## **Republican Party of Arkansas Awards a Jonesboro Republican with Highest Distinction**

**LITTLE ROCK, Ark** – One Republican stood out among the crowd in great distinction during the Republican Party of Arkansas’ annual Reagan Rockefeller Dinner on Friday evening. Billie Sue Hoggard of Jonesboro is a well-known figure in the state GOP and within her community. She is a political aficionado with 35 years of experience with a long list of accomplishments.

Under Gov. Mike Huckabee, Ms. Hoggard was appointed as a Justice of the Peace for District 1 on the Craighead County Quorum Court and was eventually elected to serve District 4 at the same capacity. Gov. Huckabee later appointed her as the Commissioner for the Arkansas Educational Television Network. In 2004 and 2006 she ran for State Representative at a time when Democrats dominated the area.

Ms. Hoggard is largely credited for her work as Chairwoman of the Craighead County Republican Committee since 2010. Under her leadership, Craighead County has flipped from blue to red, picking up all five legislative seats and more than half of the county-wide offices.

Her 35 years of hard work and commitment to the values of the Republican Party of Arkansas paid off on Friday night as she was awarded the “Hi, I’m Frank White!” Award; the highest distinction given at the Arkansas GOP’s annual Reagan Rockefeller Dinner. The award was presented to Ms. Hoggard by State Chairman Doyle Webb, Governor Asa Hutchinson, and Congressman French Hill. The “Hi, I’m Frank White” Award is given to those who dedicate their lives to growing the Republican Party of Arkansas.

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