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### **Republican Party of Arkansas Honors Fayetteville Republican with Third Congressional District Award**

**LITTLE ROCK, Ark** – Joseph Wood of Fayetteville is a well-known around Arkansas as a committed Republican with a desire to serve the state. He has fulfilled several roles across state and local government, while also building the Republican Party in the Forth Congressional District.

Mr. Wood has previously worked as the Republican Party of Arkansas' Treasurer before becoming Deputy Secretary of State. He is a civic leader at heart and has organized within his community to improve the lives of Arkansans. Mr. Wood currently serves as Washington County Judge and is the first Republican African American to hold the seat.

On Friday evening, Mr. Wood was recognized at the annual Reagan Rockefeller Dinner hosted by the Republican Party of Arkansas for years of dedicated work and contribution to grow the party in his district. He was therefore selected to receive the John Paul Hammerschmidt Party Builder Award for the Third Congressional District. The award was presented to him by State Chairman Doyle Webb, Third District Chairman John Carr, and Governor Asa Hutchinson.

The award is named after Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt, who served in the U.S. House of Representatives as the first Republican Arkansan since Reconstruction to represent Arkansas. He is also one of the early builders of the modern Republican Party of Arkansas.

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