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FASEB CONGRATULATES DR. CORA B. MARRETT ON HER CONFIRMATION AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF NSF

Bethesda, MD - William T. Talman, MD, President of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB), congratulates Dr. Cora B. Marrett on her recent confirmation by the U.S. Senate as Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation (NSF). "Dr. Marrett's long-awaited Senate confirmation to this important position is recognition of her unique expertise and experience stemming from years of service to NSF," Talman stated.

Throughout Marrett's tenure as a senior official at NSF, she has made critical contributions across all areas of the agency's mission, helping to establish the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Directorate and serving as its first Assistant Director. Marrett subsequently was appointed the Assistant Director of the Education and Human Resources Directorate, where she led NSF's mission to strengthen U.S. science, technology, engineering and mathematics education. In 2010, she also served as Acting Director of the Foundation. She earned the gratitude of the scientific community by skillfully overseeing NSF's efforts to distribute three billion in grant funds through the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act* and ensure accountability for those resources.

Over the course of her distinguished career Marrett has received many awards and honors, including the NSF Distinguished Service Award for guiding the development of new research programs and the Erich Bloch Distinguished Service Award from the Quality Education for Minorities Network in recognition of her efforts to increase the participation of groups under-represented in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

"During this time of unprecedented budgetary constraint, it is more important than ever to have experienced and deeply committed scientists like Dr. Marrett and Director Suresh at the helm of NSF," Talman noted, "I join FASEB's member societies and staff in expressing our continued enthusiasm for working with the agency's leadership team."

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