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Congressman Heath Shuler to Chair of Rural and Urban Entrepreneurship Subcommittee of Small Business Committee *Subcommittee will Oversee Agriculture and Energy Issues*

Washington, D.C. – Representative Heath Shuler has been selected to serve as chairman of the Small Business Committee's subcommittee on Rural and Urban Entrepreneurship.

“Owning your own business is truly the American Dream. It is a dream I have been lucky enough to achieve. Now, as chairman of the Rural and Urban Subcommittee I look forward to fostering a strong climate for small business development so more Americans can know the thrill of being their own boss,” said Rep. Shuler.

“I will use this chairmanship to call particular attention to the needs of our rural communities. I look forward to working closely with our local leaders to expand our economy through the development of sustainable energy. My subcommittee will also ensure our farmers have the tools and resources they need to compete and sell their products in a global marketplace.”

The Subcommittee on Rural and Urban Entrepreneurship has oversight on agricultural and energy issues, as well as oversight of programs targeted toward rural and urban economic growth. Rep. Shuler's subcommittee will also oversee a number of entrepreneurial development programs including the National Veterans' Business Development Corporation, National Women's Business Council, and New Markets Tax Credit Program.

Rep. Shuler continued, “We have lost thousands of good-paying American manufacturing jobs. Just recently, Graham County lost over 200 jobs when the Stanley Furniture plant downsized. This job loss makes it even more important for Americans to have the tools and resources they need to open their own businesses.”

The Small Business Committee will have a total of five subcommittees: Finance and Tax, Contracting and Technology, Regulations Health Care and Trade, Rural and Urban Entrepreneurship, and Investigations and Oversight.

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