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*The FAMiLY LEADER thanks governor for long service to state of Iowa*

**Urbandale, IOWA** – The FAMiLY LEADER released the following statement upon news reports that Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad has been chosen as U.S. ambassador to China and that Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds will succeed him as Iowa governor:

"We want to formally congratulate Gov. Terry Branstad for being selected by President-elect Trump to be the U.S. ambassador to China," commented Bob Vander Plaats, president and CEO of The FAMiLY LEADER. "Gov. Branstad is an excellent choice to advance our country's relationship with China due to his long-standing friendship with Chinese President Xi Jinping. Iowa has benefited greatly by Gov. Branstad's friendship with leaders in the Chinese government, and it's exciting to know that this relationship will now be used to exponentially benefit all the United States."

Vander Plaats went on to say, "In addition, we want to thank Gov. Branstad for his long service of leadership to the state of Iowa. And now, we look forward to working with incoming Gov. Reynolds and the Iowa House and Iowa Senate to pass and protect legislation that benefits Iowa families."

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