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Farm Credit and Center for Heirs' Property Preservation® *Explore Solutions to Protect Property Rights and Build Generational Wealth*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Yesterday, Farm Credit announced a new partnership with Center for Heirs' Property Preservation® (CHPP) during a Financial Literacy Month briefing on heirs' property rights titled, “*Preserve Your Roots, Grow Your Future.*”

Heirs' property is a significant issue for many rural families, particularly in agricultural communities, where generational land ownership can become fragmented and uncertain. Farm Credit's mission of supporting agriculture and rural communities is well aligned with the work of organizations such as CHPP, which are focused on resolving heirs' property challenges.

"The creation of the National Heirs Property Alliance in partnership with Farm Credit will increase the tools available to empower families to retain and productively use their land to benefit local rural economies, agriculture, and future generations," said Center for Heirs' Property Preservation® CEO Dr. Jennie L. Stephens.

Yesterday's co-hosted briefing in honor of Financial Literacy Month consisted of a panel discussion on heirs' property rights, including an overview of the work of CHPP, testimonial from a landowner and an ag lending perspective on heirs' property rights.

Congressman James E. Clyburn of South Carolina's sixth congressional district joined Rep. Letlow (LA-5) to provide bipartisan welcome remarks. Panelists present were Dr. Jennie L. Stephens, CEO of CHPP; Dr. Betsy Taylor, Executive Director of Livelihood Knowledge Exchange Network; Yvonne Knight-Carter, a landowner and former board chair of CHPP and Vance Dalton, CEO of AgSouth. Farm Credit Council CEO, Christy Seyfert, moderated the discussion.

"Supporting rural economies could not be more paramount," said Rep. Clyburn. "Organizations like Farm Credit help educate our rural communities to properly address the issue of heirs' property and ensure families have the right tools to make the best decisions for their land. This is a major issue impacting farmers right in South Carolina. Removing these barriers to financial literacy will help families for generations to come."

Farm Credit will provide financial support to CHPP as they build out the National Heirs' Property Alliance, expanding realized success in South Carolina into new regions. The Alliance aims to empower landowners in rural communities across the country to secure clear title and stabilize land ownership.

"Farm Credit is committed to supporting rural communities and agriculture," said Farm Credit Council President and CEO Christy Seyfert. "We are proud to partner with Center for Heirs' Property Preservation as they expand their important work into a National Heirs' Property Alliance. The intersection of financial literacy and land productivity is a natural fit for Farm Credit."

Heirs' property has long posed a barrier to economic opportunity and land stability, and this partnership represents a meaningful step forward. Farm Credit's support will provide CHPP with additional pathways to help families preserve their land and unlock its economic potential.

Farm Credit supports rural communities and agriculture with reliable, consistent credit and financial services, today and tomorrow. It has been fulfilling its mission of helping rural America grow and thrive for more than a century with the capital necessary to make businesses successful and by financing vital infrastructure and communication services. For more information visit www.farmcredit.com.

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