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MCDONALD ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
-Elliott to serve as Vice Chairman-

WASHINGTON -- Members of the Federal Election Commission have elected Danny Lee McDonald as Chairman and Lee Ann Elliott as Vice Chairman for 1995.

In December of each year, the six commissioners elect one of their number to serve as Chairman and one to serve as Vice Chairman for the following calendar year. The Federal Election Campaign Act requires that the Chairman and Vice Chairman be of different political parties, and states that a member may serve as Chairman only once during a six-year term of office.

Commissioner McDonald, a Democrat, was renominated to a third six-year term in May 1994. He succeeds outgoing Chairman Trevor Potter, who will resume his duties as a Commissioner.

Prior to his initial appointment in 1981, the Sand Springs, Okla., native served as General Administrator of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. Additionally, he served as Secretary of the Tulsa County Election Board and as Chief Clerk of that board. McDonald was a member of the Advisory Panel to the FEC's National Clearinghouse on Election Administration. He is currently a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Council of Young Political Leaders.

Incoming Chairman McDonald, who lives in Fort Washington, Md., with wife Gail, received a bachelor of arts degree from Oklahoma State University and attended the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Newly-elected Vice Chairman Lee Ann Elliott, a Republican, was also renominated to a third six-year term in May 1994. Prior to her initial appointment in 1981, Commissioner Elliott served as Vice President of Bishop, Bryant and Associates, Inc. During the 1970s, she was Associate Executive director of the American Medical Political Action Committee. From 1961-70, she served as AMPAC's assistant director. She is a member of the Board of Directors of Kids Voting, U.S.A., and president of her homeowners association.

Commissioner Elliott received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Illinois and attended the Medical Association Management Executives Program at Northwestern University. She is a Certified Association Executive.

Created in 1975, the Federal Election Commission is the first independent federal agency established to enforce limitations and prohibitions on contributions, require candidates and committees to make public disclosure of their financial activities, and to administer the public financing program for Presidential elections.

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