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MOTSINGER CHALLENGES FOXX TO DEBATE AS CAMPAIGN GAINS STEAM

Elisabeth Motsinger has challenged Virginia Foxx to a series of debates prior to the Nov. 6 election. Motsinger has accepted invitations from Wake Forest University, Lenoir-Rhyne University, Appalachian State University, Salem College, and Kids Voting USA at Sparta Elementary School. Up to five additional debates are expected to be confirmed soon. Motsinger and Foxx are opponents for U.S. Congress from the 5th District.

Motsinger said she expects the debates to provide a respectful dialog about 5th District issues and how they are currently addressed in Washington. “This Congress has not been solving the problems facing the American people,” she said. “The people of our district deserve an honest exchange about the issues and a conversation about the solutions that will impact their lives.”

A recent Gallup poll showed a record-tying low of 10 percent of Americans approve of the way Congress is doing its job. “We believe the debates will highlight my commitment to North Carolina values and to improving the lives of North Carolina families,” Motsinger said.

Sparta Elementary School will host a Kids Voting USA debate at 6 pm on Friday, Oct. 5. Kids Voting USA is a nonpartisan, nonprofit educational program that simulates the adult electoral process to teach students in grades K-12 about the importance of being informed voters. Research shows that Kids Voting programs have contributed to an increase in adult voter participation.

The debate at **Wake Forest University** will be from 2 to 3:15 pm on Thursday, Oct. 11 at Brendle Recital Hall, highlighting the two-day Voices of Our Times symposium on “Rekindling the American Dream.” Foxx has declined to participate in Wake Forest event.

Also on Oct. 11, **Lenoir-Rhyne University**, located in Hickory, will host a four-candidate debate at 7 pm. Motsinger, Foxx, and the candidates for the 10th Congressional District, Democrat Patsy Keever and Republican Patrick McHenry, all have confirmed their participation. Both the city of Hickory and Catawba County are split between the two districts. The Hickory Daily Record will co-sponsor the debate.

Dates for debates at Appalachian State University and Salem College are still being finalized.

Elisabeth Motsinger is a physician assistant and a twice-elected member of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education. She completed her medical training at Wake Forest University, where she is completing a master’s degree in bioethics. Motsinger is the mother of three grown children. She and her husband, John, live in Walkertown and own property on the Motsinger family Christmas tree farm in Alleghany County. They are active in their church community. In May, Motsinger won the Democratic primary with 70 percent of the vote. For more information, visit <http://www.nc5th.us>.

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