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THOMAS ELECTED TO SERVE FEC AS CHAIRMAN FOR 1987

WASHINGTON--Wyoming native Scott E. Thomas today was elected Chairman of the Federal Election Commission for 1987, succeeding Joan D. Aikens of Pennsylvania.

Commissioner Thomas J. Josefiak, a native of Massachusetts, was named Vice-Chairman.

By Statute, the Commission elects a Chairman and Vice-Chairman from its six members. Terms of office are for a calendar year. A member may serve as Chairman only once during his or her appointed six-year term. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman may not be members of the same political party.

Mr. Thomas, a Democrat, was nominated by President Reagan on September 26, 1986, and was sworn into office ten days later. Prior to his appointment, the Chairman-elect served as Executive Assistant to former FEC Commissioner Thomas E. Harris. Mr. Thomas previously worked as an Attorney and later as an Assistant General Counsel for Enforcement in the FEC's Office of the General Counsel. His term expires April 30, 1991.

Having graduated from Stanford University in 1974, Mr. Thomas received his Juris Doctor degree from Georgetown University Law Center in 1977.

Vice-Chairman-elect Josefiak, a Republican, has served as Commissioner since August, 1985. Mr. Josefiak is the former Special Deputy to the Secretary of the Senate, an ex officio member of the FEC. The Commissioner's past experience includes service as Legal Counsel to the National Republican Congressional Committee, Special Counsel on federal election law to the Minority on the Committee on House Administration and Legislative Assistant to Congressman Silvio O. Conte. Mr. Josefiak's term expires on April 30, 1991.

A 1969 graduate of Connecticut's Fairfield University, Mr. Josefiak later earned a Juris Doctor degree from Georgetown University Law Center.

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