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New Republic Partners' Ralph Strayhorn Re-appointed to Foundation Board To Build Economic Opportunity in North Carolina

*Golden LEAF Foundation works to increase career options and investment
in North Carolina's rural and tobacco-dependent communities*

Ralph Strayhorn, chairman and CEO of New Republic Partners, has been re-appointed to the Golden LEAF Board of Directors. Strayhorn is chair of the group's investment committee that oversees \$1.4 billion in assets under management and is a member of the programs committee. He will serve a four-year term and continue as a member of the programs and investment committees.



For 20 years, Golden LEAF has worked to increase economic opportunity in North Carolina's rural and tobacco-dependent communities through leadership in grantmaking, collaboration, innovation, and stewardship as an independent and perpetual foundation.

The Foundation has provided lasting impact to tobacco-dependent, economically distressed and rural areas of the state by helping create 66,000 jobs, over half a billion dollars in new payrolls and more than 90,000 workers trained or retrained for higher wages.



Strayhorn previously served on the board from 2013-2017, appointed by former Gov. Pat McCrory, and was then reappointed in 2020 to fill an unexpired term by the Speaker of the N.C. House. North Carolina Speaker of the House Tim Moore has now appointed Strayhorn for a third term that will run through November 2025.

“I believe strongly in Golden LEAF’s mission of providing grants and other assistance to local governments and nonprofits to support economic growth,” Strayhorn says. “I’m particularly interested in fostering growth in our community college system to prepare North Carolinians for careers in the new economy. We’ve also supported continued technological advances in agricultural production, which will help rural residents build thriving careers.”

Strayhorn grew up in Durham and became very familiar with tobacco country as a child and teenager.

The [Golden LEAF Foundation](#) — officially, the “Long-term Economic Advancement Foundation, Inc.” — is a nonprofit organization established in 1999 to receive a portion of North Carolina’s funding from the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement with cigarette manufacturers.

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