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Former House Speaker Ryan to Address 2019 NACDS Annual Meeting

Arlington, Va. – The National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) today announced that former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Paul Ryan (R-WI) will speak during the Tuesday, April 30, Business Program at the 2019 NACDS Annual Meeting, which will be held April 27-30, in Palm Beach, Fla. Ryan was elected as the 54th Speaker of the House in 2015, and served in that role until January 2019. He was the youngest individual to hold this leadership position in 140 years.

Ryan was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1998, and spent a total of two decades representing the people of Wisconsin's First Congressional District. During his 16-year, pre-Speaker congressional tenure, Ryan continued his native state's proud tradition of reform-minded leadership in the House of Representatives, in addition to serving as chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. As chairman, Ryan worked to simplify the tax code, protect healthcare choices, advance free trade and strengthen the economy.

"We are thrilled to welcome former House speaker Paul Ryan to the 2019 NACDS Annual Meeting. Speaker Ryan will bring his first-hand perspective on the healthcare issues that remain top-of-mind, and on the fight against the opioid epidemic. The former Speaker will share insights from his experience in Congress that will relate directly to NACDS members' work to serve our society and to the business, policy and political environments in which we all operate," said NACDS President and CEO Steven C. Anderson, IOM, CAE.

Ryan spearheaded myriad efforts for reform: rebuilding the nation's defense, expanding domestic energy production, combating the opioid epidemic, reforming the criminal justice system and promoting economic opportunity. In 2012, Ryan was also selected to run alongside Governor Mitt Romney as the Vice Presidential nominee.

The former speaker currently resides near his childhood home in Janesville. Ryan holds a degree in economics and political science from Miami University in Ohio. He and his wife Janna are the proud parents of three children: Liza, Charlie and Sam.

As previously released, presidential historian, public speaker and Pulitzer Prize-winning author [Doris Kearns Goodwin](#) also will speak at the NACDS Annual Meeting, during the Sunday, April 28, Business Program..

More information about the NACDS Annual Meeting is available on the event [website](#).

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NACDS represents traditional drug stores, supermarkets and mass merchants with pharmacies. Chains operate over 40,000 pharmacies, and NACDS' over 80 chain member companies include regional chains, with a minimum of four stores, and national companies. Chains employ nearly 3 million individuals, including 157,000 pharmacists. They fill over 3 billion prescriptions yearly, and help patients use medicines correctly and safely, while offering innovative services that improve patient health and healthcare affordability. NACDS members also include more than 900 supplier partners and over 70 international members representing 21 countries. Please visit NACDS.org.

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