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NATIONAL ACADEMY OF HUMAN RESOURCES ANNOUNCES NEW CHAIR

Kathleen S. Barclay, Senior Vice President, Human Resources of The Kroger Company, has been elected Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Academy of Human Resources (NAHR) effective June 1, 2012. Ms. Barclay has been a Director of the NAHR since February 2003. Ms. Barclay succeeds Mirian Graddick-Weir, Executive Vice President, Human Resources of Merck. Dr. Graddick-Weir has served as NAHR Chair since June 2007 and will remain a member of the NAHR Board. Dr. Graddick-Weir was recently elected Chair of the HR Policy Association.

Ms. Barclay will serve as co-host for the June 13-14, 2012 CHRO Academy and the November 1, 2012 NAHR Annual Dinner and New Fellow Installation Ceremony. She was inducted into NAHR in 2000. She served as Vice President of Global Human Resources at General Motors Corporation from 1998-2009 where she led HR initiatives worldwide with a focus on building a strong footprint in emerging and growth markets and restructuring in mature markets. She has served as a Board member for the Hispanic Scholarship Fund and is a past president of Michigan State University's Eli Broad College of Business and member of MIT Sloan Fellows Alumni Board. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. Ms. Barclay is a three-time recipient of *Automotive News'* 100 Leading Women and has been named to *Human Resource Executive* magazine's HR Honor Roll.

The National Academy of Human Resources, founded in 1992, is the organization where individuals of distinction in human resources are recognized for exceptional professional achievement by election as "**Fellows of the NAHR**". The Academy also occasionally recognizes human resource related groups as "Honored Institutions/ Organizations". In addition, the NAHR furthers the HR profession through the Chief Human Resource Officer (CHRO) Academy and other philanthropic and educational activities.

Election as a Fellow of the National Academy of Human Resources is the highest honor that can be achieved by an individual. In 2011 the NAHR installed its 144th Fellow. Over the past decade, eleven organizations have also been recognized as "Honored Institutions/Organizations."