

2019 SENATORIAL STATEMENTS

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HONORING THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA AND EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONDERS

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America was founded February 8, 1910, upon the promises of the Scout Oath to do one's duty to God and country, to others, and to oneself and upon the principles of the Scout Law; and

WHEREAS, Boy Scouts of America programs, including its Exploring program, provide valuable opportunities for young people to learn first aid, safety, and rescue skills; and

WHEREAS, Scouting programs also instill important community values in our North Carolina's youth, including helpfulness, kindness and bravery; and

WHEREAS, many of our State's professional and volunteer first responders have received foundational training in Scouting programs; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina and its citizens have benefited from the many contributions of these Scouting first responders; and

WHEREAS, approximately 5,134 explorers participate in North Carolina Explorer Posts that operate with the sponsorship and support of local law enforcement, fire, and rescue organizations;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is important to honor the rich heritage of the Boy Scouts of America and its contributions to the development and training of first responders across North Carolina and to express appreciation to Scouting programs for their commitment to improving the lives of the citizens of this State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate and placed upon the Journal on the eleventh day of February, 2019.

S/ Senator Warren Daniel
S/ Senator Harry Brown

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

**RECOGNIZING THE OBSERVANCE OF
BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

WHEREAS, in 1926, the notable African-American historian, Carter G. Woodson, and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History introduced Black History Month as “Negro History Week.” The weeklong celebration honored the birthdays of abolitionists, Abraham Lincoln, and Frederick Douglass, and encouraged the teaching of African-American history in the nation’s public schools; and

WHEREAS, since 1976, the month of February has been celebrated annually as a tribute to African-American men and women who have made significant contributions and profound impacts on history. Black History Month is a time for reflection and a month for awareness of the challenges that African-Americans overcame throughout history; and

WHEREAS, Harriet Ann Jacobs, a slave born in Edenton, North Carolina, escaped from slavery and became an abolitionist speaker and reformer. In spite of being born into slavery, John Merrick, an African-American entrepreneur from Clinton, North Carolina, became the founder of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company. Romare Bearden, a native of Charlotte, North Carolina, was an African-American artist and writer whose work celebrated the African-American experience. In 2013, the Romare Bearden Park in Charlotte was named after him; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to 11 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) which give African-American students equal learning opportunities and offer a rich history and culture. Shaw University, located in Raleigh, North Carolina, was the first HBCU in the nation to open its doors to women and the first to offer a four-year medical program;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is important to preserve the legacy and honor the achievements of African-Americans in every endeavor throughout history by observing February as Black History Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate and placed upon the Journal on the eighteenth day of February, 2019.

S/ Senator Joyce Waddell

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

**RECOGNIZING THE STATE'S
AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAM
AND THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA ORGANIZATION**

WHEREAS, there are over 650,000 former agricultural education students and Future Farmers of America (FFA) members currently in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, agricultural education and the FFA is taught in all 100 counties of North Carolina in the public schools, community colleges and the universities; and

WHEREAS, agricultural education and the FFA is a 12-month educational program providing summer agriculture and agri-business experiences and leadership training through 23 different career and technical education classes; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's agricultural education and FFA programs have one of the highest high school student retention and graduation rates in North Carolina and prepare students for one or more of the 300 plus career opportunities available in the science, business, or technology of agriculture; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's FFA members are recognized nationally for their quality agricultural training, leadership abilities, academic achievements, and community service; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's agricultural educators are known and respected throughout the nation for their exemplary leadership in planning and implementing superb programs on behalf of FFA members; and

WHEREAS, National FFA Week will be observed February 16-23, 2019;

NOW, THEREFORE, North Carolina's agricultural education program and Future Farmers of America organization deserve to be recognized and commended and all who support, promote, and encourage these outstanding students of these programs deserve to be praised.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate and placed upon the Journal on the nineteenth day of February, 2019.

S/ Senator Jerry Tillman

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

**HONORING AND OBSERVING
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

WHEREAS, Women's History Month traces back to the first International Women's Day in 1911, which celebrates the social, economic, cultural, and political achievement of women. Since 1987, the United States has observed Women's History Month annually throughout the month of March; and

WHEREAS, women have proven to be pioneering, revolutionary, and industrious by overcoming adversity and struggle throughout history; and

WHEREAS, from working in the burgeoning textile industry, forwarding higher education and research, and documenting their Civil War experiences, women have been an integral part of our culture; and

WHEREAS, women have been on the front lines with the strongest voices of many social movements that have led to a more peaceful society; and

WHEREAS, in recent decades, women have obtained prominent leadership positions and have become more represented in all strata of professional life; and

WHEREAS, women in history have accomplished extraordinary achievements, including: Lillian Exum Clement, the first woman elected to the North Carolina General Assembly; Beverly Perdue, the first female Governor of North Carolina; Mary Jane Patterson, the first African-American woman to receive a Bachelor of Arts Degree; Eliza Jane Pratt, the first woman to represent North Carolina in Congress; and Isabella Cannon, the first female Mayor of Raleigh and in the state of North Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, the month of March should be honored and observed as Women's History Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate and placed upon the Journal on the eleventh day of March, 2019.

S/ Senator Joyce Waddell

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

**CONGRATULATING NIA IMANI FRANKLIN, MISS AMERICA 2019,
DURING MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH**

WHEREAS, Nia Imani Franklin, who reigns as Miss America 2019 and is a native of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, will perform at the North Carolina General Assembly in observance of Music in Our Schools Month; and

WHEREAS, Nia Imani Franklin is a classically trained opera singer, who earned an undergraduate degree in composition from East Carolina University and a Master of Music degree from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. Upon graduation, she was awarded a Kenan Fellowship at Lincoln Center Education in New York; and

WHEREAS, Nia Imani Franklin is an active and dedicated member of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where her love for music and service to humanity began at an early age; and

WHEREAS, Nia Imani Franklin is a marvelous example for our nation's youth of what it truly means to be a champion of arts education and community service, which is well demonstrated through her membership in ArtistCorps and her work as a teacher, music mentor, and composer; and

WHEREAS, Nia Imani Franklin has been an amazing ambassador for the University of North Carolina School of the Arts and the Miss America organization; and

WHEREAS, Nia Imani Franklin is an extraordinary young woman who has achieved national acclaim for her phenomenal talent and social impact initiative;

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of Music in Our Schools Month, Nia Imani Franklin deserves to be recognized and congratulated upon earning the title as the 92nd Miss America.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate and placed upon the Journal on the thirteenth day of March, 2019.

S/ Senator Paul A. Lowe, Jr.

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

COMMENDING THE GOVERNOR MOREHEAD SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina was one of the first states in the South to provide a state-supported education program for students with disabilities, and the first state to provide such a program for African-Americans; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 1845, the General Assembly approved legislation to establish a school for State residents with hearing and visual impairments. The school opened on May 1, 1845, a few blocks from the State Capitol, with four teachers and 23 deaf students between the ages of 8 and 32. In 1851, blind students began attending the school. A campus for African-Americans opened in Raleigh on January 4, 1896; and

WHEREAS, the success of the original school led the General Assembly to establish a separate school for the deaf in Morganton, which opened in 1894; and

WHEREAS, the original school moved to the current location on Ashe Avenue in Raleigh in 1923 and was renamed in 1963 in honor of former Governor John Motley Morehead, who conceived the idea for the school in 1843. Both Raleigh schools were integrated in 1977; and

WHEREAS, today, the Governor Morehead School, the premier institution for the education of the blind in North Carolina, provides both education and residence for visually impaired students from preschool through age 21; and

WHEREAS, the Governor Morehead School for the blind encourages all students to strive for the highest levels of educational excellence and integrity in all of life's endeavors, as exemplified by the professionals who serve them; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the Governor Morehead School has enjoyed the full support of the State, and that special relationship will continue for many years in the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governor Morehead School deserves to be recognized for its continued commitment to educating North Carolina residents with visual impairments and for providing them with the opportunities and access to live full, productive lives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate and placed upon the Journal on the nineteenth day of March, 2019.

S/ Senator Rick Horner

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

**CONGRATULATING
THE CAROLINA HURRICANES**

WHEREAS, the 2018-2019 Carolina Hurricanes hockey team defeated the New Jersey Devils 3-1, reaching the Stanley Cup Playoffs for the first time since 2009 and will open up the 2019 Stanley Cup Playoffs against the Washington Capitals on April 11, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Carolina Hurricanes previously won the Stanley Cup in 2006, North Carolina's first professional sports championship, uniting our many fan bases under one banner; and

WHEREAS, the Carolina Hurricanes electrified the National Hockey League with their "Storm Surge" celebrations, including the March Madness Storm Surge, where Trevor van Riemsdyk dunked a basketball in honor of college basketball, the Duck Hunt Storm Surge, the Walk-Off Home Run Storm Surge, and the Thor Storm Surge, among others; and

WHEREAS, the Carolina Hurricanes were called "a bunch of jerks" by Don Cherry on "Hockey Night In Canada" for their Storm Surge celebrations and said comments inspired the team to win 15 of their final 23 games; and

WHEREAS, the Carolina Hurricanes Foundation contributes hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to local youth sports programs and charitable causes; and

WHEREAS, postseason games will allow the Carolina Hurricanes to contribute to the economy of Wake County and the State through additional ticket and merchandise sales and the hospitality industry; and

WHEREAS, accomplishments of the Carolina Hurricanes has brought great honor and distinction to the State of North Carolina and helped generate an enormous amount of interest in the State in professional hockey;

NOW, THEREFORE, the members of the Carolina Hurricanes and the coaching staff deserve congratulations for their accomplishments and for providing a sense of hope and pride to everyone in North Carolina and for returning to the postseason as one of the hottest teams in professional hockey, while still being a lovable "Bunch of Jerks."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate and placed upon the Journal on the eighth day of April, 2019.

S/ Senator Wiley Nickel

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

HONORING THE FAYETTEVILLE WOODPECKERS INAUGURAL SEASON

WHEREAS, baseball comes back to Fayetteville and Cumberland County, the place where the great George Herman Ruth Jr. (Babe Ruth) hit his first home run as a professional baseball player on March 7, 1914; and

WHEREAS, the Fayetteville Woodpeckers, a Houston Astros Class A affiliate team, start their inaugural season with their home opening game at Segra Stadium on Thursday, April 18, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Astros, who won the 2017 World Series, are a great organization that will bring future Major League Baseball talent to Segra Stadium; and

WHEREAS, Segra Stadium is built for the fan experience and is family-friendly with a KidsZone, Club level seating with suites and a party deck, a state-of-the-art video score board, multiple food locations, berm seating, and a souvenir shop called the Bird's Nest; and

WHEREAS, the opening game against the Carolina Mudcats is sold out with over 6,000 tickets sold and will include Fayetteville Mayor Mitch Colvin throwing the first pitch, a performance from the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne Division chorus, and a military helicopter flyover; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fayetteville invested \$40 million in building the new Segra Stadium, a state-of-the-art sporting and entertainment venue in downtown for the Fayetteville Woodpeckers. The team and the new stadium served as the catalyst for over \$65 million of private investment, to date, in downtown Fayetteville; and

WHEREAS, Segra Stadium will add to the quality of life for the over 208,000 residents of Fayetteville and of the over 300,000 residents of Cumberland County;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Fayetteville Woodpeckers deserve to be honored on their inaugural season.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate and placed upon the Journal on the eighteenth day of April, 2019.

S/ Senator Kirk deViere

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF FRANK W. BALLANCE, JR.

WHEREAS, Frank W. Ballance, Jr., a native of Windsor, North Carolina, died on February 22, 2019, at the age of 77; and

WHEREAS, Frank W. Ballance, Jr., earned a bachelor's degree and a law degree from North Carolina Central University, then spent a year as a librarian and professor at South Carolina State University before moving to Warrenton, North Carolina to practice law; and

WHEREAS, Frank W. Ballance, Jr., was elected to the North Carolina General Assembly, serving two terms in the House of Representatives between 1983 and 1986 and seven terms in the Senate between 1989 and 2002. He was a founding member of the N. C. Legislative Black Caucus in 1985 and later served as Chair. From 1997 to 2002, Ballance served as Deputy President Pro Tempore – the first American-American to serve in this capacity in Senate Leadership. He served on many committees in the NC House of Representatives and the NC Senate, including Chair of the Committees on Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety, and Judiciary II; and

WHEREAS, Frank W. Ballance, Jr., championed many pieces of important legislation. His most important achievement was Senate Bill 76, Traffic Enforcement Statistics, which gained national attention. After being signed into law in 1999, SB 76 made NC the first state in the union to pass “Driving While Black or Brown” legislation. In accordance with this bill, the Attorney General was required to compile, maintain and report information regarding traffic stops by state law enforcement officers. The information collected included the race, ethnicity, age and gender of the person stopped, whether a search took place, the legal basis for the search and whether the officer engaged in the use of force; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Frank W. Ballance, Jr., served in Congress as a member of the United States House of Representatives, representing the 1st Congressional District, and was a member of the Agriculture and Small Business Committees; and

WHEREAS, Frank W. Ballance, Jr., held numerous civic and political positions, including past chair of the First Congressional District Democratic Party, First Vice-Chair of the North Carolina Democratic Party, President of the Warren County Branch of the NAACP, and a member of the Boards of Trustees of Elizabeth City State University and North Carolina Central University. He received several awards and recognitions, including "Lawyer of the Year" from the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers in 1996, "Friend of the Working Man" Labor Award from the AFL-CIO in 2000, and "Legislator of the Year" from the North Carolina Housing Coalition in 2001.

NOW, THEREFORE, Frank W. Ballance, Jr., deserves to be recognized for the many contributions he made to his profession, community, State, and nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate and placed upon the Journal on the twenty-ninth day of April, 2019.

S/ Senator Erica D. Smith

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

**HONORING THE HIGH POINT ROCKERS
ON THEIR INAUGURAL SEASON**

WHEREAS, professional baseball has come to the great City of High Point, North Carolina; and
WHEREAS, the High Point Rockers have become the newest team in the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball; and

WHEREAS, the team was named in honor of High Point's rich history of furniture and textile manufacturing and its status as North Carolina's International City; and

WHEREAS, the opening of the Rockers' home stadium, BB&T Point, is the latest in a series of successful steps to revitalize downtown High Point; and

WHEREAS, BB&T Point is a state-of-the-art, multiuse facility with seating for 5,000 fans and represents a \$36 million investment in the future of the High Point; and

WHEREAS, the High Point Rockers and BB&T Point will add to the quality of life for the more than 110,000 residents of High Point and more than 525,000 residents of Guilford County;

NOW, THEREFORE, the High Point Rockers deserve to be honored on their inaugural season and their very first home game.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate and placed upon the Journal on the second day of May, 2019.

S/ Senator Michael Garrett
S/ Senator Jerry Tillman

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

**HONORING THE STUDENTS AFFECTED BY THE SHOOTING AT
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE**

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2019, tragedy struck the University of North Carolina at Charlotte when a gunman opened fire on the campus killing two students and wounding four others; and

WHEREAS, the students who lost their lives were Ellis “Reed” Parlier, 19, of Midland, North Carolina and Riley Howell, 21, of Waynesville, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, those wounded were Drew Pescaro, 19, of Apex, North Carolina; Sean DeHart, 20, of Apex, North Carolina; Rami Alramadhan, 20, of Saudi Arabia; and Emily Houpt, 23, of Charlotte, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, this tragedy was met swiftly by the University and numerous first responders and their emergency partners, including: the University of North Carolina at Charlotte Chancellor Philip L Dubois; the University of North Carolina at Charlotte's Police and Public Safety, Emergency Management, Emergency Management Risk Management, Environmental Health and Safety, Facilities Management; the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department and Charlotte Fire Department; MEDIC; the American Red Cross; Charmeck Emergency Management; Charlotte Douglas Airport; and North Carolina's Emergency Management;

NOW, THEREFORE, the students who lost their lives during the shooting on the campus of University of North Carolina at Charlotte on April 30, 2019, deserve to be commemorated and the students who were wounded deserve continued support as they recover. The first responders and all of those who provided aid to the University and the students deserve to be applauded for their assistance during this tragic event.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate and placed upon the Journal on the second day of May, 2019.

S/ Senator Ted Alexander
S/ Senator Deanna Ballard
S/ Senator Phil Berger
S/ Senator Dan Bishop
S/ Senator Danny Britt, Jr.
S/ Senator Harry Brown
S/ Senator Jim Burgin
S/ Senator Jay Chaudhuri
S/ Senator Warren Daniel
S/ Senator Kirk deViere
S/ Senator Jim Davis
S/ Senator Chuck Edwards
S/ Senator Carl Ford
S/ Senator Valerie Foushee
S/ Senator Eddie Gallimore
S/ Senator Michael Garrett
S/ Senator Rick Gunn
S/ Senator Kathy Harrington
S/ Senator Ralph E. Hise, Jr.
S/ Senator Rick Horner

S/ Senator Brent Jackson
S/ Senator Jeff Jackson
S/ Senator Todd Johnson
S/ Senator Joyce Krawiec
S/ Senator Natasha Marcus
S/ Senator Mujtaba Mohammed
S/ Senator Paul Newton
S/ Senator Wiley Nickel
S/ Senator Harper Peterson
S/ Senator Norman Sanderson
S/ Senator Vickie Sawyer
S/ Senator Sam Searcy
S/ Senator Erica D. Smith
S/ Senator Bob Steinburg
S/ Senator Jerry W. Tillman
S/ Senator Joyce Waddell
S/ Senator Andy Wells
S/ Senator Mike Woodard
S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

**HONORING
JORDAN HARRIS SHELDON,
FALLEN POLICE OFFICER**

WHEREAS, Jordan Harris Sheldon, a resident of Mooresville, North Carolina, was a dedicated law enforcement officer for the Mooresville Police Department for six years; and

WHEREAS, Officer Sheldon was a K9 officer, who partnered Ramon, and was a member of the Mooresville Police Department's Special Response Team Division; and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2019, Officer Sheldon was shot during a routine traffic stop and later died from his injuries;

NOW, THEREFORE, Jordan Harris Sheldon deserves to be honored for his dedication and service to law enforcement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate and placed upon the Journal on the seventh day of May, 2019.

S/ Senator Vickie Sawyer

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

**CONGRATULATING THE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM
AT GARDNER-WEBB UNIVERSITY
ON ITS FIRST NCAA DIVISION I TOURNAMENT**

WHEREAS, Gardner-Webb University is a private, Christian, liberal arts university emphasizing a strong student-centered experience and rigorous academics while preparing students to become effective leaders in the global community; and

WHEREAS, Gardner-Webb University began from a movement initiated by the Kings Mountain Baptist Association in 1903. Later joined by the Sandy Run Baptist Association, the Boiling Springs High School was chartered on December 2, 1905; and

WHEREAS, the University was named for Governor O. Max Gardner, his wife Fay Webb, and their families for their ardent support of the institution; and

WHEREAS, in January 1993, the institution officially became known as Gardner-Webb University. Today, Gardner-Webb is a flourishing national institution, with students from 39 states and 19 foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, Gardner-Webb University is one of only three doctoral degree-granting private universities in North Carolina and offers comprehensive academic programming with more than 60 majors and minors for the undergraduate and graduate student, including a wide variety of online programs as well as hands on opportunities for missions and service; and

WHEREAS, Gardner-Webb University also has an outstanding tradition in intercollegiate athletics to complement its academic stature, offering its student-athletes a chance to compete in 22 NCAA Division I sports. The men's basketball team under the leaders of Coach Tim Craft had an outstanding season, earning the University its first NCAA Division I Tournament berth in March 2019;

NOW, THEREFORE, the men's basketball team and coaching staff at Gardner-Webb University deserve to be recognized and commended for demonstrating excellence in athletics and sportsmanship during the team's first ever NCAA Division I Tournament appearance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate and placed upon the Journal on the twentieth day of May, A.D. 2019.

S/ Senator Ted Alexander

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

**CONGRATULATING THE SHELBY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM
ON WINNING THE 2018 STATE 2-AA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2018, Shelby High School defeated North Davidson High School 42–21 to capture the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) 2-AA Football Championship; and

WHEREAS, this championship win gave the Golden Lions their fifth title in six years; and

WHEREAS, since record keeping began in 1972 for various statistics, Shelby High School has accomplished 103 wins in 35 playoff appearances, which are the most wins in the NCHSAA playoffs; and

WHEREAS, special commendation is due all team members, Head Coach Lance Ware, a Shelby High School alumnus, and the assistant coaches, as well as all those who actively worked to make this year's football season a success;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Shelby High School football team deserves recognition and congratulations on winning the 2018 State 2-AA Football Championship and is hereby commended for its overall excellence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate and placed upon the Journal on the twenty-first day of May, A.D. 2019.

S/ Senator Ted Alexander

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

**CONGRATULATING THE
WEST LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL
WRESTLING TEAM**

WHEREAS, West Lincoln High School won its second straight NCHSAA 2A Dual Team Wrestling state championship on Saturday February 2, 2019, with a dominant 60-14 win over Croatan finishing the season with a 27-2 record; and

WHEREAS, in the match, Croatan jumped out to the early 3-0 lead with Luke Walker's 7-2 decision over Chade Norman in opening 120-pound weight class. The Cougars forfeited in 126 to give West Lincoln the 6-3 lead. The teams traded pins with Croatan's Anthony Marelo taking 132 and West Lincoln's Ricky Reynolds winning 138, giving the Rebels a 12-9 lead. From there it was all Rebels. West Lincoln earned pins in 145 from Xander Pendergrass, 160 from Canon Bridges, 170 from Nathan Hull, 182 from Luke Scronce, 195 from Alex Hall and 220 from Harley Scronce. West Lincoln's Brock Steel earned a 5-3 decision over Nathan Waltrip in 285. Kemp Wehunt won by forfeit in 106 for West Lincoln and Langston Hoffman won by decision over to seal the victory, 60-14; and

WHEREAS, this is the second straight title for West Lincoln and the fourth for the program overall, including titles in 2000, 2015, and 2018; and

WHEREAS, prior to the start of the title match, Luke Stewart was honored with North Carolina Farm Bureau Sportsmanship Award and, after the match, senior Brock Steel was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler; and

WHEREAS, starting Wrestlers for West Lincoln are: Kemp Wehunt; Langston Hoffman; Chade Norman; Luke Stewart; Chance Norman; Ricky Reynolds; Xander Pendergrass; Hayden Thomas; Canon Bridges; Nathan Hull; Luke Scronce; Alex Hall; Harley Scronce; Brock Steele; and the coaching staff include: Head Coach Butch Ross and assistant coaches Jeff George, Dr. Mark Kiefer, and Michael Rhodes;

NOW, THEREFORE, West Lincoln High School's wrestling team and coaching staff deserve to be recognized and congratulated on winning the 2019 NCHSAA 2A Dual Team Wrestling State championship.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate and placed upon the Journal on the twenty-ninth day of May, A.D. 2019.

S/ Senator Ted Alexander

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

**HONORING VIVIAN H. BURKE
FOR HER SERVICE TO WINSTON-SALEM**

WHEREAS, Vivian H. Burke has served as the Council Member for the Northeast Ward of Winston-Salem, North Carolina since 1977 and as Mayor Pro Tempore six times, and was the first African-American elected official to sit as an at-large member on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina League of Municipalities; and

WHEREAS, Vivian H. Burke has rendered distinguished service in her community through participation in numerous and diverse volunteer organizations, including the Public Safety Committee and Tourism Development Authority, the North Carolina Mental Health Board, the Piedmont System Health Board, the Transportation Advisory Committee, and the Piedmont Triad Partnership, in addition to being one of the founding members of the Black Political Awareness League and North Carolina Black Elected Municipal Officials; and

WHEREAS, Vivian H. Burke created multiple scholarship foundations including the Burke-Joines Scholarship which helps deserving students to attend Forsyth Technical Community College; made three marketing and communications videos chronicling the history of African-American businesses, churches, and schools in Winston-Salem; and developed the "What's In a Name" book used by the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System; and

WHEREAS, Vivian H. Burke also volunteers for the Heart Fund, the United Negro College Fund, the Patterson Avenue and Glade Street YWCA, and the March of Dimes, as well as the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools, and is an active member of Grace Presbyterian Church, where she is an Elder and Trustee; and

WHEREAS, Vivian H. Burke has been the recipient of numerous awards, such as the Order of the Long Leaf Pine and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Urban League, was honored with the creation of the Vivian H. Burke Business and Economic Scholarship established at Winston-Salem State University, and has received honorary doctorate degrees from four institutions of higher learning including Elizabeth City State University, her alma mater;

NOW, THEREFORE, Vivian H. Burke deserves to be recognized and honored for her many years of public service and contributions to improving the lives of those in her community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate and placed upon the Journal on the twelfth day of June, 2019.

S/ Senator Paul A. Lowe, Jr.

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

**CONGRATULATING THE CITY OF ARCHDALE
ON ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, Archdale was originally settled in 1786 by Quakers who called the area Bush Hill; and
WHEREAS, the name was changed to Archdale in 1887 in honor of John Archdale, a Quaker Governor of the Colony of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, to address the need for a sustainable supply of quality drinking water in northwest Randolph County, voters chose to incorporate as the City of Archdale on July 8, 1969; and

WHEREAS, Archdale's City Seal, adopted in 1972, set forth the community's principles of unity, loyalty, and progress; and

WHEREAS, from an initial donation of 18 acres, Creekside Park in Archdale has flourished into an award winning 110-acre regional park with numerous active and passive recreational amenities; and

WHEREAS, Archdale takes pride in being recognized as a safe and clean community suitable for raising a family, opening a business, or running an industry; and

WHEREAS, Archdale, situated at the crossroads of two interstate highways in the Heart of North Carolina, is poised for growth in the years to come; and

WHEREAS, progressive leadership and a professional staff have Archdale prepared for the opportunities and challenges of the next 50 years;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Archdale's 50th anniversary is worthy of celebration and the City's citizens deserve to be congratulated on this occasion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate and placed upon the Journal on the seventeenth day of June, 2019.

S/ Senator Jerry W. Tillman

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

**CONGRATULATING THE UNION ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL'S
VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER TEAM ON WINNING
ITS SECOND STRAIGHT 1A STATE SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP**

WHEREAS, the varsity girls' soccer team at Union Academy Charter School capped off an undefeated season by winning the 1A State Soccer Championship in a dramatic 2-1 overtime win; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the team broke the State record for consecutive wins with a current total of 44; and

WHEREAS, Union Academy scored 112 goals and conceded only six goals during 23 games this season; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the United Soccer Coaches named head coach Vic Johnson the High School/Youth Girls' National Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the team began this season ranked No. 1 in the State and finished the season ranked No. 1;

NOW, THEREFORE, the members of the Union Academy Charter School's Varsity Girls Soccer team and head coach Vic Johnson deserve recognition on winning their second straight 1A State Soccer Championship and the varsity girls' soccer program merits acknowledgement for its continued athletic excellence as one of the top high school soccer programs in the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate and placed upon the Journal on the seventeenth day of June, 2019.

S/ Senator Todd Johnson

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

RECOGNIZING "BIG DAY AT THE LAKE" DAY

WHEREAS, the 15th annual Big Day at the Lake will take place on Lake Norman July 20, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Big Day at the Lake Committee organizes a day full of fun activities on Lake Norman for participating Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Carolinas Matches thanks to Boat Hosts and many North Carolina sponsors and donors; and

WHEREAS, since 2003, Big Day at the Lake has hosted thousands of at-risk children, all of whom have treasured this opportunity to laugh, play, mingle, and make new friends; and

WHEREAS, over the past 14 years, Big Day at the Lake has raised more than \$1.2 million for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Carolinas and last year raised more than \$120,000 with a goal of raising \$150,000 this year; and

WHEREAS, Big Day at the Lake encourages responsible adults to become Big Brothers Big Sisters mentors, known as "Bigs," following in the footsteps of past Big Day at the Lake participants who have embraced the opportunity to mentor; and

WHEREAS, Big Day at the Lake encourages economic mobility and positive interaction among diverse groups;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is fitting to recognize and observe "Big Day at the Lake" Day on July 20, 2019, as a day to celebrate making a positive difference in a child's life through the valuable work of Big Brothers Big Sisters.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate and placed upon the Journal on the twenty-fifth day of June, 2019.

S/ Senator Natasha Marcus

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

SUPPORTING POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS INJURY AWARENESS

WHEREAS, in 1980, the American Psychiatric Association initially formulated the diagnosis known as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) to more accurately assess and assist veterans who had endured severe combat stress in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, combat stress is an invisible wound that has historically been unjustly portrayed as a mental illness caused by a preexisting flaw of character or ability, and that the word "disorder" carries a stigma which perpetuates this misconception; and

WHEREAS, it has been shown through electro-magnetic imaging that these invisible wounds can cause physical changes to the brain which more accurately describe an injury than a disorder; and

WHEREAS, referring to invisible wounds as a disorder can discourage the injured from seeking proper and timely medical treatment, but referring to invisible wounds as post-traumatic stress injury (PTSI) is less stigmatizing and viewed as more honorable, and this designation can favorably influence those affected and encourage them to seek treatment without fear of retribution or shame; and

WHEREAS, post-traumatic stress injury can occur following exposure to extremely traumatic events other than combat such as interpersonal violence, life-threatening accidents, and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, timely and appropriate treatment of post-traumatic stress injury can diminish complications and avert suicides;

NOW, THEREFORE, all citizens suffering post-traumatic stress injuries deserve compassion and consideration; those brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces who have received these wounds in operational action against an enemy of the United States further deserve clear and obvious recognition.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate and placed upon the Journal on the twenty-seventh day of June, 2019.

S/ Senator Harry Brown

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

**CONGRATULATING THE UNITED STATES WOMEN'S NATIONAL SOCCER TEAM
ON WINNING THE 2019 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP**

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2019, the United States Women's National Soccer Team defeated the Netherlands 2–0 to capture the 2019 Women's World Cup; and

WHEREAS, the United States Women's National Soccer Team has now won the Women's World Cup four times; and

WHEREAS, the national team has several connections to North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, four members of the national team play for the North Carolina Courage, including Crystal Dunn, Abby Dahlkemper, Jessica McDonald, and Samantha Mewis. The North Carolina Courage plays in Cary; and

WHEREAS, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has five alumnae soccer players on the team, including Crystal Dunn, Ashlyn Harris, Tobin Heath, Allie Long, and Jessica McDonald; and

WHEREAS, the team's head coach, Jill Ellis, received a master's degree in technical writing from North Carolina State University, during which time she was an assistant coach when N.C. State won the 1988 ACC Women's Soccer Championship;

NOW, THEREFORE, the United States Women's National Soccer Team deserves to be honored and congratulated on winning the 2019 Women's World Cup, for inspiring the next generation of Americans to strive for greatness, and for its successes in representing the United States on the world stage. Further, members of the team who are also members of the North Carolina Courage and alumnae of North Carolina State University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill deserved to be recognized and applauded for their contributions to this historic victory.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate and placed upon the Journal on the fifteenth day of July, 2019.

S/ Senator Wiley Nickel
S/ Senator John Alexander, Jr.
S/ Senator W. Ted Alexander
S/ Senator Jay Chaudhuri
S/ Senator Robert B. Clark III
S/ Senator Kirk deViere
S/ Senator Valerie Foushee
S/ Senator Michael Garrett
S/ Senator Jeff Jackson
S/ Senator Paul A. Lowe, Jr.

S/ Senator Natasha Marcus
S/ Senator Floyd McKissick, Jr.
S/ Senator Mujtaba Mohammed
S/ Senator Paul Newton
S/ Senator Vickie Sawyer
S/ Senator Joyce Waddell
S/ Senator Mike Woodard
S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

**EXPRESSING APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO
STEVE EARWOOD OF NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, he is credited with putting straight-line racing on the media map while serving as NHRA's media relations director in the 1970's and early 80's; and

WHEREAS, he was the 2016 recipient of the International Drag Racing Hall of Fame Founders Award; and

WHEREAS, he is a member of both the East Coast Drag Racing Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, a member of the NHRA Southeast Division Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, he is the founding member of the North Carolina Motorsports Association; and

WHEREAS, he has served on the Governor's Motorsports Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, he was marketing Vice President at Billy Meyer's Texas Motorplex; and

WHEREAS, he was Vice President and General Manager of Atlanta Drag way; and

WHEREAS, NHRA Winston Invitational became the most successful All-Star event in drag racing history under his leadership; and

WHEREAS, he was the recipient of NHRA's "Man of the Year" Award in the Southeast Region; and

WHEREAS, he was awarded Richmond County's "Citizen of the Year" Award in 2010; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Steve Earwood of North Carolina deserves to be shown appreciation and gratitude for contributions he has made to our nation's history and economy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate and placed upon the Journal on the twenty-third day of July, 2019.

S/ Senator Tom McInnis

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

**COMMEMORATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE BATTLE OF MORTAIN
AND THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF THE
30TH INFANTRY DIVISION**

WHEREAS, on September 10, 1940, Executive Order #1 by Governor Clyde Hoey mobilized all elements of the 30th Infantry Division in North Carolina for service in World War II per request of President Franklin D. Roosevelt; and

WHEREAS, the citizen soldiers of the 30th Infantry Division held key terrain in the vicinity of Mortain, France, the decisive point of Hitler's Normandy counteroffensive meant to defeat the Allied Invasion; and

WHEREAS, from August 6–12, 1944, the 13,000 brave soldiers of the 30th Infantry Division held off the onslaught of 80,000 German Soldiers from four German Panzer Divisions, stopping Hitler's counteroffensive at the Battle of Mortain, ensuring Allied victory in the Normandy Campaign in August of 1944; and

WHEREAS, the European Theater Historian determined that the 30th Infantry Division was the best infantry division in the European Theater of World War II. The wartime VII Corps Commander General J. Lawton Collins made a recommendation for the 30th Infantry Division to be awarded the Presidential Unit Citation. The 1st Army Commander, General Courtney Hodges, and the 12th Army Group Commander, General Omar N. Bradley, both endorsed the recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Army Awards Board in 1947 cited that if the 30th Infantry Division had failed in its defense of Mortain in August of 1944, "it would have caused a revision of Allied plans second only to a failure at Normandy on D-Day." Captured German General Kurt Dittmar called the Mortain victory the "decisive battle of the west" in World War II; and

WHEREAS, this year is the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Mortain. As each day passes, members of "Old Hickory" who served proudly and with distinction during World War II pass away;

NOW, THEREFORE, during this crucial time in history, it is important to honor the sacrifice, courage, and dedication of all citizen soldiers who served in the 30th Infantry Division, known as "Old Hickory," during the Battle of Mortain.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate and placed upon the Journal on the twenty-third day of July, 2019.

S/ Senator J. Alexander
S/ Senator Phil Berger
Senate President Pro Tempore

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

**HONORING SAMUEL MAYER LEDER,
MEMBER OF THE CONCORD CITY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, Samuel Mayer Leder grew up in Whiteville, North Carolina and graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1991, receiving a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in accounting; and

WHEREAS, Samuel moved to the City of Concord, where he worked and lived with his family; and

WHEREAS, Samuel gave freely of his time and energy to virtually all aspects of his community, including serving as a member of the Concord City Council, member and past president of Concord Rotary Club, member and former chair of the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce, and member of the Uwharrie Bank Executive Board, treasurer of the Academic Learning Center, treasurer of the Ella Foard Foundation, member of the Central North Carolina Boy Scouts Council, member of the Carolina International School, and a supporter of Concord High athletics; and

WHEREAS, Samuel was a member of Temple Or Olam and Temple Israel of Salisbury; and

WHEREAS, Samuel died on June 30, 2019, leaving his wife, Shannon, and their two sons, Matthew and Bennett;

NOW, THEREFORE, Samuel Mayer Leder deserves to be honored for the service he rendered his community as a member of numerous boards and as a member of the Concord City Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate and placed upon the Journal on the twenty-third day of July, 2019.

S/ Senator Paul Newton

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

HONORING DR. JAMES EDWARD CHEEK, SR.

WHEREAS, Dr. James Edward Cheek, Sr., was born December 4, 1932, in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cheek was a licensed minister at the age of 13 and was later ordained at the age of 17. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1950-1951 during the Korean War. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and sociology from Shaw University, his Master of Divinity degree from Colgate Rochester Divinity School in 1958, and his Doctorate from Drew University in 1962; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cheek was a professor of New Testament Theology at Virginia Union University when he was named president of Shaw University in 1963 at the age of 30. In 1968, he was appointed president of Howard University. Over his 20-year tenure, Dr. Cheek oversaw the expansion of Howard University, where graduate and undergraduate programs expanded, student admissions increased by 3,500, the number of faculty tripled, and the budget grew to over \$400 million; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cheek was named Washingtonian of the Year in 1980 and, in 1983, he was awarded the nation's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Ronald Reagan. He received hundreds of awards and 19 honorary degrees and served as a board member of several colleges and universities. His presidential appointments include the Board of Foreign Scholarships, National Advisory Council to the Peace Corps, UNESCO, Commission on Selection of White House Fellows, and the President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cheek died on January 8, 2010, at the age of 77 in Greensboro;

NOW, THEREFORE, Dr. James Edward Cheek, Sr., a husband, father, grandfather, student, teacher, minister, Air Force veteran, advocate, liaison, advisor, secretary of education, and college president, deserves to be recognized and honored for his accomplishments.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate and placed upon the Journal on the tenth day of September, 2019.

S/ Senator Milton F. "Toby" Fitch

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

RECOGNIZING THE NEPALI COMMUNITY IN WAKE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Nepali community residing in Wake County and the Town of Morrisville comprises a large portion of the Asian population; and

WHEREAS, Wake County and the surrounding area is home to nearly 4,000 Nepali residents; and

WHEREAS, the Nepali community makes significant contributions to the social and economic well-being of the community; and

WHEREAS, more than 100 different languages are spoken within the Nepali community, which significantly increases the cultural diversity of Wake County; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Nepal Center of North Carolina is to blend and foster relationships and cordial relations with the local community, protect Nepali culture and identity, and extend a helping hand to Nepal and Nepalis around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Nepal Center of North Carolina welcomes and assists Nepali immigrants, students, and newcomers to North Carolina with information, moral support, and networking opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Nepal Center of North Carolina strives to promote Nepali art, literature, music, dance, and customs in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, members of the Nepal Center of North Carolina have been actively involved in our local community through participation in programs such as Adopt-a-Highway, blood donation, and the International Festival;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is important to recognize the contributions of the Nepali community in Wake County and to join the county in observing the third Saturday in April as Nepal Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate and placed upon the Journal on the first day of October, 2019.

S/ Senator Wiley Nickel

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk