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Brevard, North Carolina – I believe that each person has the opportunity to make a difference, to choose that path that will allow you to positively impact the lives of those around you. I had such a choice as a young man. There were two individuals that greatly influenced my life and without their wisdom, their help, their tough love and their guidance I am not sure I would be where I am today. These two individuals were my high school principle and my father. I would like to take this opportunity this Father's Day 2010 and say thank you to my father. I appreciate the lessons he taught me as a young person more and more each day. It was because of his efforts and the efforts of others that I stayed focused as a young man on what I needed to do to be successful in life...to truly contribute to the world around me. For that, I am eternally grateful. I would like to extend a heartfelt Happy Father's Day not only to my father, but to all of our fathers.

I recommend to each young person that might be reading this update; find a mentor, find someone that you can talk with and work with them to ensure that you reach your full potential. We all have it within us to make that lasting difference. And trust me my friends – we need you. We need your fresh ideas, we need your energy and we need your help to make our state the best it can be for all people.

I was honored to have three 4-H members in Raleigh this week and spend time with them at breakfast on Wednesday. I also was able to spend time with them around the legislative building between meetings. Lily Chapman was here from Rosman, Storey Stadler from Brevard and Gabrielle Clark from Polk County. It was truly a pleasure spending time with these young people. They are in fact, the future leaders of our communities.

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on a few pieces of legislation that, if passed, will have local impact. For starters, Senate Bill 1259 has passed the North Carolina Senate and is now working its way through the committee process in the North Carolina House of Representatives. As you will recall, this piece of legislation would disapprove the reclassification of Boylston Creek. Specifically, this will disapprove the water quality reclassification which was approved in March of 2009.

There was also some movement this past week on House Bill 1778. This bill, if passed, will allow Brevard Academy to participate in the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System and the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees. It is anticipated that the cost to the state if

Brevard Academy elects to participate in the retirement system will be negligible as well the cost of participating in the health plan. Currently, there are 54 charter schools across North Carolina participating in the state health plan.

House Bill 1789, a bill honoring Tryon's 125th Anniversary, has passed both the North Carolina House and Senate and has been ratified. I was honored to have Mayor Alan Peoples of Tryon in the gallery to see his town recognized. Additionally, House Bill 1790, a bill honoring Transylvania County's 150th Anniversary, continues to work its way through the committee process in the North Carolina House of Representatives. Currently it is in the Committee on Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.

I know that we are all concerned about the budget situation currently facing our state. The main update on the budget this week is that the budget conferees continue to meet and discuss the difference between the House and Senate versions of the appropriations legislation. The Governor has asked the legislature to prepare a supplemental budget in the event \$500 million to fund Medicaid is not appropriated by the federal government. I will keep you updated on the budget and other bills that will impact District 113. Please continue to contact my office with any questions or concerns. I enjoy hearing from each of you and it is my goal to ensure that the voice of the people is always heard throughout our state government. Also, please continue to visit my website, www.davidguice.com, for updates and information. Thank you again for the humbling experience to serve you, the people of District 113, in the North Carolina House of Representatives.

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