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North Carolina House of Representatives
District 113



**Legislative Update Seventh – Short Session
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Brevard, North Carolina – Things have been hectic in Raleigh this past week. I want to take time and give you some updates regarding some bills that will directly impact District 113. Let me first say that budget conferees continue to meet and it is anticipated that a budget will be brought back to the full General Assembly by mid-week. I will keep you posted on any major budget developments this week.

The North Carolina General Assembly sat in joint session this past week to honor Coach Mike Krzyzewski and the Duke University Men's Basketball team on their 2010 NCAA National Championship. This was a great day and while my daughter received her law degree from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill it was an honor to share the building with Coach Krzyzewski.

A resolution was also passed this week honoring the founders of Transylvania County. I was honored to have several community leaders join me as this resolution was read on the House floor. It was a tremendous experience to have Commissioner Mike Hawkins and County Manager Artie Wilson in the gallery as the resolution was read and to spend time with them earlier in the day. I was also honored to spend time with Linda Gash Locks, wife of Mayor Pro Tem and Councilman Rodney Locks, and two of her nieces.

House Bill 1664 has officially passed through the North Carolina House of Representatives and the North Carolina Senate. This piece of legislation has been ratified and will amend the Brevard City Charter to allow the City Clerk to be hired by the City Manager rather than by the City Council. The amendment also allows the City Manager to set the annual pay rate for the City Clerk. The process to amend the charter was started by a request from Mike Pratt, City Attorney for the City of Brevard, on behalf of City Council members.

As I mentioned last week, Senate Bill 1259 has passed the North Carolina Senate and is moving its way through the North Carolina House. This piece of legislation disapproves the Boylston Creek reclassification. It will be heard this week in the House Environment and Natural Resources Committee. I will keep you posted on this key piece of legislation.

House Bill 1778 which will allow Brevard Academy to participate in the North Carolina Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System as well as the North Carolina State Health Plan has passed the North Carolina House. A companion piece of legislation, Senate Bill 1256, is slated to be heard on the floor of the North Carolina Senate this week.

House Bill 1691 also passed the North Carolina House of Representatives this past week. This legislation seeks to give county entities more flexibility as they spend 911 funds to address their local needs. As I have said many times, I am firm believer that people on the local level know best what their needs are and how best to address those needs. It is in this spirit that this legislation was crafted. It now heads to the North Carolina Senate for their approval.

I had the opportunity this past Saturday to talk with the local Farm Bureau at their Leadership Breakfast which was held at the Pisgah Fish Camp. This was a great opportunity to talk with local leaders and to pass along updates about what is going on in Raleigh.

As we begin to look to the end of the week and our annual Fourth of July festivities I encourage each of you to be safe and enjoy the many events throughout District 113. It is important that we all remain vigilant in our activities and keep safety as our number one priority. As we all gather and enjoy our cookouts and fireworks, let us always remember what we are truly celebrating. Let us remember the sacrifices made by our founding fathers and all of those who have come after to ensure that we remain free as a nation. Freedom is not just an idea in the United States, it is a reality, it is truly something you can reach out and touch each and everyday. We must never forget that fact!

I am truly honored and humbled to represent you, the people of District 113, in the North Carolina House of Representatives. I know that by working together we can continue to make our state better and we can continue to lift up the banner of freedom. Please keep your questions, concerns and feedback coming our way. My staff and I are here to meet your needs and work with you each day.

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