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Attorney Ronnie Sutton Announces for NC House



Prior to attaining a Juris Doctor Law Degree, Sutton received a Bachelor's Degree from the University of West Florida and has two Masters Degrees from other institutions.

Attorney Sutton's law practice is primarily in the area of personal injuries litigation and that affords him the time to serve in the House of Representatives in Raleigh. His partners are solidly behind his decision to seek the House seat.

The son of the late Willie French and Vergie Oxendine Sutton, he is married to Geneva Chavis Sutton of the Philadelphia community and has two daughters, Ronette and Fonda. His late father-in-law, John French Chavis, was a prominent farmer in the Philadelphia community. He lives with his family about a mile from the old Philadelphia School location. During the three years he was in law school after his retirement in 1982 his family resided in the family home while he commuted from Chapel Hill on weekends.

Sutton states that he has received support and encouragement to seek the House seat from whites, Indians and Blacks in both Robeson and Hoke Counties.

Concerning the delay in redistricting caused by the Justice Department, Sutton believes little if any redistricting changes will be made in Robeson County and surrounding areas. The main affect will be a delay in filing and a delay in the primary election.

Attorney Sutton is a member of the Robeson County Bar, North Carolina Bar, North Carolina Bar Association, the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers, University North Carolina Law Alumni Association, Federal District Court and the United States Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit.

Attorney Sutton is proud of the fact that he was the first Indian to Command a Naval Reserve Officer Training Unit (NROTC) serving two major Universities. His Unit served Louisiana State University (LSU) and Southern University (SU) in Baton Rouge, La. LSU is comparable in size to UNC Chapel Hill and Southern is the main campus of the Southern University System which is the largest Black University System in the nation. In his capacity as Commanding Officer while at the University, he served on many committees including the Council of Deans. Sutton was engaged in the Doctoral Program in Business Administration at LSU when he retired from the Navy to enter Carolina Law School.

Attorney Sutton stresses that although District 85 is referred to as a predominately Indian District, he intends to represent all races when he is elected to the House.

Pembroke Attorney Ronnie Sutton, a Lumbee Indian and Partner in the law firm of Locklear, Jacobs and Sutton Pembroke, announced his candidacy for the North Carolina House of Representatives for District 85. Attorney Sutton is now serving as the Chairman of the Robeson County Democratic Party. He indicates that he will step down from that position upon filing for the House seat. JoAnn Locklear, also a Lumbee and First Vice Chairman will automatically succeed him as the Democratic Party Chairman.

Born in the Burnt Swamp area, Attorney Sutton lived primarily in the Saddletree community until he joined the Air Force in 1958. After four years in the Air Force he returned to Robeson County and attended Pembroke State. In 1964 he returned to the military as a Naval Officer and earned his Naval Flight Officer Wings in 1966. He continued to fly with the Navy until his retirement in 1982 with the rank of Commander.

After retirement in 1982 Sutton earned a law degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and practiced law with the Locklear, Brooks, Jacobs and Sutton firm. In 1989 Judge Dexter Brooks left the firm upon being appointed a Superior Court Judge and the firm became Locklear, Jacobs and Sutton.



Open House was held at Pemberton Place Nursing Center on Sunday, December 29 from 2-5 p.m. Pemberton Place Nursing Center is a fully licensed, privately owned and operated 80-bed facility. The Center

observed its Grand Opening today at 10 a.m.

The privately-owned facility will be managed by Pemberton Place Inc., a three-family partnership based in Pembroke. Charles Alton Maynor is

one of the partners in the corporation. Frances Butler, a corporate partner is the nursing home administrator.

The third family in the Pembroke-based corporation is Dr. Jeff Collins.



Shown left to right are Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Maynor; Dr. Jeff Collins; Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Butler [the three family partners]; seated is Director of Nursing, Kathy Owens; Sabrina Stevens, Director of Activities; Femie Oxendine, Director of Social Work; Ben

Oxendine, Director of Dietary Services; Penny Sutton, Quality Assurance Coordinator; and Eli Locklear, Director of Housekeeping and Maintenance.

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Shown is a front view of Pemberton Nursing Center.



A view of the dining hall of Pemberton Nursing Center

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