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Frances Cummings files for NC House



Frances M. Cummings

Lumberton, NC—Frances McArthur Cummings filed February 10th to seek election for the North Carolina House of Representatives—District 87 in the May 5, 1992 Democratic Primary.

Ms. Cummings said, "I am running for the people. People are hurting and I want to be an engineer of positive change. My goal is to help restore and rebuild a sound government that is responsible to all the people." She continued, "Good government is the essence of hardworking, dedicated, intelligent, and caring leaders, and it takes strong visionary, committed leadership working with good government to properly address the

critical issues faced by so many people. I have accepted the challenge to improve the living and working conditions for people by offering myself as a public servant."

Ms. Cummings is a life-long resident of Robeson County, a member of the Hilly Branch Baptist Church and lives in Lumberton. She is employed by the Public Schools of Robeson County as Assistant Director, Vocational Education. She holds a B.S. Degree from Livingstone College, a Master's from North Carolina Central University and UNC- Greensboro.

Ms. Cummings is an active member of several local and national associations, including the American Vocational Association, NCVA; NC Council of Local Directors; the Robeson County and District 16 Black Caucuses; the Robeson County Democratic Party; and the Eastern Women's Program Council.

Ms. Cummings was recently graduated from the NC Institute of Political Leadership as a Fellow. She serves on the Board of Directors Lumber River Private Industry Council and the NC Science and Math Steering Committee.

Ms. Cummings released the following statement: "I am seeking the NC House seat using as my platform: upgrading educational experiences; increased job opportunities and economic security; improved health care and prenatal services; reducing crime, violence and drugs."

"The people of District 87 can be assured of representation of integrity and competence. I will work to see that all children are educated; that people are on jobs and off the streets and that they are safe in their own homes. I want to see taxpayers' dollars spent wisely. Taxpayers deserve a strong economic base and peace of mind that somebody cares. I care about the suffering people of our state and those who wish to move progressively in the future."

"My vision is firm, my mission and leadership are positive and progressive, and I feel that I hold the 'Key to Progress.'"

House Candidate Sutton resigns as party chair

Attorney Ronnie Sutton of the law firm Locklear, Jacobs and Sutton of Pembroke, officially resigned from his position as Chairman, Robeson County Democratic Party on Thursday evening, February 6, 1992 at a regular meeting of the Democratic Party Executive Committee in Pembroke. At the conclusion of the regular meeting, Chairman Sutton publicly announced his resignation effective immediately. An announced candidate for the North Carolina House of Representatives for the newly formed District 85, Sutton stated that he could not continue to serve as the Party Chairman and run for the state house position because he is in a contested race.

Mrs. Jo Ann Locklear, the First Vice Chairman automatically succeed Sutton as Party Chairman. Mrs. Locklear, who was present and who conducted the remainder of the meeting, is an Assistant Clerk of Robeson County Superior Court. She has been employed with the clerk's office for 25 years, and is

married to Grover Locklear. The mother of three children, Mrs. Locklear resides with her husband at Route 10, Lumberton in the Saddletree community.

Attorney Sutton thanked those present for the assistance and support he has received during his tenure as Democratic Party Chairman. In addition, he promised his continued involvement in party activities and support to qualifications, competence and integrity. He stated that the Democratic Party in Robeson County and North Carolina is embarking on an era of leadership unsurpassed in recent times. He challenged all Democrats to rise to the occasion and make the 1992 and 1994 elections the best ever.

Mr. Joe Chavis, a long-time political activist in the Philadelphia Community was elected to the position of Chaplain of the Robeson County Democratic Party Executive Committee.

Pembroke Housing Authority Board named

Pembroke Mayor Milton Hunt today announced his appointments to the Pembroke Housing Authority. The Pembroke Town Council adopted a resolution in January to dissolve the Pembroke Redevelopment Commission and re-establish the Pembroke Housing Authority. The newly appointed Housing Authority board will begin their duties on April 6. This will conclude the 90-day transition period from the Pembroke Redevelopment Commission to the Pembroke Housing Authority.

Reggie Strickland, former mayor of Pembroke, will serve as Chairman of the Board; Wesley Revels, assistant principal

Collins, retiree and life-long resident of Pembroke; William E. Locklear, Director of the JTPA Program at Lumberton Regional Development Association; and Dr. Gerald Maynor, Professor of Education at Pembroke State University will comprise the Pembroke Housing Authority. These appointments are made by Mayor Hunt who is serving his fourth term as Mayor of the Town of Pembroke. Members of the Pembroke Redevelopment Commission were appointed by members of the Town Council.

All members of the Pembroke Housing Authority are residents of the Town of Pembroke.



This is part of the throng which jammed PSU's Baptist Campus Union building (nicknamed "The House") for the Feb. 8 Golden Anniversary Celebration of BSU at the institution.



The two oldest past members present for the February 8th Golden Anniversary Celebration of Pembroke State University's Baptist Student Union were (left) Adief Oxendine of Pembroke [BSU president in the class of '44], and Tessie Hunt of Lumberton [BSU vice president in the class of '42], who are shown here with Rev. Ron Sanders, present PSU Baptist campus minister who was emcee for the celebration.



Rev. Lindy Martin of Alabama, who was president of PSU's Baptist Student Union in '52, admires a badge from the fifth Youth Congress of the Baptist World Alliance that Mary Finchbeck Teets wore at Toronto in '58 when she served as president of the Pembroke State BSU.

Union Chapel Spelling Bee Winner

Gina Guernsey, daughter of Michael and Connie Blackmon and a sixth grade student at Union Chapel School, was recently declared the winner of that school's local spelling bee competition. Gina will now advance to the county competition.

Miss Guernsey won in competition over a field of participants who had been selected in preliminary rounds in their respective classes.

Other participants in the spelling bee included Sharon McLaughlin and Tommy Hunt, third grade; Kevin Locklear, Elizabeth Jacobs, and Selina Demery, fourth grade; Emily Evans and Jessica Dixon, fifth grade; and Wayne Oxendine, sixth grade.

Lula Baker coordinated the local spelling bee. She also acted as pronouncer during competition with Pamela Hammonds acting as judge.

PEMBROKE KIWANIS REPORT

Mayor Milton Hunt was the speaker at the Tuesday night meeting held at the Town and Country Restaurant. Program Chairman Reggie Strickland presented Mayor Hunt, now serving his fourth term.

"The new nursing home, Pemberton Retirement Center is a real plus for the community. The real hard work of C.A. Butler, C.A. Maynor and Dr. Jeff Collins brought this about. It may employ up to 70 or 80 people in the future. This is a big boast for the city. The Pembroke

Economic Development Commission was set up and instrumental in bringing The Daniel's Bakery Company into the city. It would not have happened but for the commission. We get economic development grants. Our economic evaluation is less than Lumberton, Fairmont and Laurinburg. We need industry. Our developing

Lift Station will help us in setting more industry. Helping certain things do help in getting more industry.

Flectwood is the largest mobile home builder in the U.S. The #1 plant is in Pembroke. Our people work hard and that is why their #1 Plant is here. These developments, all create a larger tax base as shared, revenues help our growth."

Mayor Hunt's address was very positive for the future of Pembroke.

Dr. Dial commented, "We must tell positively for people to come and we do appreciate the work of the Economic Development Commission.

Presiding-Grady Hunt. Invocation- Albert Hunt. Song Leader- Ed Teets. Program- Reggie Strickland. Reporter- Ken Johnson.



Only in Robeson

Do-Drop-Inn Motel
Raleigh, NC
TO: Dr. Joseph Oxendine
Pembroke State University
Pembroke, NC 28372

Dear Chief Joseph:

While hanging some sheetrock here in Raleigh I heard my 'super' laughing and talking about how you were going to do away with our "little Brave" mascot.

That's a good move for off-reserved folk (white-gooders) but for a "blood" you are missing the point.

Let me give you a lesson in Indianism 101. Indians only complain or protest on Indian issues that affect Indians if the affect is promoted or controlled by non-Indians. We

can take Indian humor from our own.

I know you don't have a sweat-lodge in that big house that you could use to get your head clear but you could mosey off to the river and take a long walk alone (don't bring any white folks with you) and think of this mascot thing.

Chief, you are being misled. Pembroke State is the most-likely school (team) in the nation to use a 'Brave' as a mascot.

Please don't make this an issue because we need all of our energy to fight that Columbus lie.

Your brother,

Joe Frybread

Sheetrock Hanger and Columnist