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## An Open Letter to the Lumbee People From Arlinda Locklear, Tribal Attorney

This past Sunday, August 7, the LRDA Board of Directors published an update on the Lumbee recognition bill. I did not know of LRDA's plan to publish an update or see the update before its publication. As a result, this is my only opportunity to supplement the update and correct some errors that I'm certain were inadvertent.

It is correct that we are coming close to the end of this session of Congress. Congress will probably recess for two or three weeks in mid or late August. Congress is scheduled to return on September 12 for another four weeks before adjourning altogether. Unless our bill comes up for a vote during that time, it dies and the entire legislative process on our bill must begin again. Simply put, we are running out of time.

Senator Inouye, who as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs supports our bill, has said that he will find the time for our bill once we are certain we have the necessary sixty (60) votes to stop a filibuster on the bill. Those votes must come from among the Republicans, since all of the 56 Democrats in the Senate will

vote with us to stop the filibuster. Because of Senator Helms' active opposition to our bill, though, it is difficult to pick up the few Republican votes we need. I think it can be done, but we must do it before the end of the session.

The LRDA update incorrectly stated that I am the former lobbyist on the recognition bill. And it incorrectly stated that LRDA terminated my contract in February of this year. LRDA asked me to sign an extension of my contract in February, but I refused to do so. I refused because the organization had taken certain steps that I considered to be against the best interests of the Lumbee Tribe and our recognition bill. As a result, I believed my obligation of loyalty to the tribe as my client required that I sever my relationship with LRDA. However, I assured LRDA and Congressman Rose that I would continue to represent the Lumbee Tribe on the recognition bill and I have done so.

After consulting with community leaders and collecting money from those able to help in the community,

I did hire a Republican lobbying firm at the end of July to assist in getting the sixty votes we need to stop the filibuster. This firm works with me, only for the purpose of locating the additional Republican votes we need on the bill. This firm has not replaced me.

I remain the principal lobbyist on the Lumbee recognition bill and, as before, I remain available to any member of the community to discuss the status of the bill. I talk to community leaders daily about the bill and pass information to them about the status of the bill as soon as I get such information. In addition, I promised Chairman Adolph Blue of LRDA that I would keep him personally posted of the status of the bill, and I have done so.

For weeks now, I have been waiting for a vote on our bill and monitoring the position of key senators. I know many people want to attend the vote, so I will contact the community as soon I get the word about a vote on our bill. If you have any questions in the meantime, call me at (301) 473-5160.

## Fifty-One Candidates File for First Lumbee Tribal Council

### Seven Candidates for Tribal Chairman

The Filing date for Tribal Offices ended July 25th. Seven people filed for Tribal Chairman and 51 candidates are seeking seats on the 21-member Tribal Council.

Candidates filing and their districts include:

**Tribal Chairmen Candidates:** Rev. Hubbard Lowery of Route 1, Pembroke; Rev. Jimmy Strickland of Route 1, Pembroke; Mr. Ray Littleturtle of Pembroke; Mr. James B. Locklear of Route 1, Pembroke; Dr. Dalton Brooks of Route 2, Pembroke; Dr. Welton Lowry of Route 2, Pembroke; and Rev. James A. Hunt of Rowland.

**Tribal Council candidates include:** District # 1-No candidate filed. (The Lumbee Constitution grants authority to the Tribal Council to fill this vacancy); District #2 includes the Laurel Hill Township in Scotland County, Part of Antioch Township in Hoke County and the remainder of Hoke County. Filing in that district was Mr. Eugene Lowry of Route 3, Raeford and Mr. Willie Ross Jacobs of Route 1, Red Springs.

District # 3 includes part of Antioch Township in Hoke County, Parkton, Shannon, Lumber Bridge and part of Red Springs # 1 in Robeson County. Filing in that district was Mr. Joel Dial Jr. of Route 1, Red Springs; and Rev. Lockie Ray Carter of Route 1, Shannon.

District # 4 includes all of Cumberland County, North and South St. Pauls and all of Bladen County. Filing in that district was Dr. Samuel Wynn of Fayetteville and Mrs. Frances Sandra Hunt Whittemore of Fayetteville.

District # 5 includes a portion of Red Springs #1 and Rennett. Filing for that district is Rev. Jerry Ray McNeill of Route 1, Shannon; Mrs. Barbara Ann Goins of Route 1, Shannon; and Mr. Broughton Oxendine of Route 1, Shannon.

Saddletree comprises District # 6. Vying for that seat are Mr. David Locklear of Route 10, Lumberton and Mr. Henry Bryon Brewer of Route 10, Lumberton.

District # 7 is the Burnt Swamp Precinct and three people are candidates for that position. They are Mr. Dennis Michael Wilkins of

Pembroke; Mrs. Rhonda Sue Locklear of Route 1, Pembroke; and Mrs. Dianna Maynor Hunt of Route 1, Pembroke.

District # 8 is the Philadelphia community. Four people are vying for that position. They are Mr. Sanford Locklear Sr. of Route 1, Pembroke; Mrs. Carolyn Mae Cummings Worrix of Pembroke; Mr. Robeson Locklear of Route 1, Pembroke; and Mr. Gregory Chavis of Route 1, Pembroke.

South Pembroke comprises District #9. Mrs. Dorothy Lowery of Pembroke and Mr. Joel Garth Locklear are vying for that seat.

District # 10 includes North Pembroke and Mrs. Shelby Jane Lowery of Route 2, Pembroke and Mr. Gary Wayne Locklear of Route 1, Pembroke are candidates for that position.

District # 11 include the Deep Branch area and the Baker's Chapel community. Four people are seeking that position. They are Mr. Ponce DeLeon Chavis Jr. of Route 2, Pembroke; Miss Gina Lynn Oxendine of Route 3, Maxton; Mrs. Carolyn Coronado of Pembroke; and Mrs. Hope Locklear Sheppard of Pembroke.

District # 12 is the Union area. Five people are candidates for that position. They are Mrs. Judy Harris Seals of Pembroke; Mr. Delton Dean Oxendine of Pembroke; Mrs. Patricia Swett Brayboy of Route 1, Rowland; Mr. McKeithan Jones of Route 3, Rowland; and Mr. Brian Keith Locklear of Route 1, Rowland.

District #13 is the Prospect community. Running in that district are Mrs. Emma Lee Locklear of Route 3, Maxton and Mr. Carlee Cummings Jr. of Route 3, Maxton.

Rev. Steve Locklear has no opposition in the race for the seat in the Oxendine community. District #14.

Mrs. Aggie Goins Deese of Maxton is unopposed in District #15 which includes Maxton and part of Alfordville Precinct.

District #16 includes part of Alfordville, Rowland, Thompson, Gaddy, Marietta, Sterlings, Orrum and all of Columbus County. Seeking that seat are: Mrs. Virginia Carol Hunt of Route 2, Rowland; Mr. Elton B. Hunt of Route 1, Fairmont; Mr. Billy "Dollar Bill" Oxendine of Route 2,

Rowland.

Rev. Hilton Deese of Fairmont is unopposed in District #17 is comprised of Fairmont and Smyrna.

District # 18 is comprised of Back Swamp. Running for that position are: Ms. Ernestine Chavis Bulifant of Route 6, Lumberton; Mrs. Doreen Sampson of Route 1, Rowland; and Mr. Larry Alton Cummings of Route 1, Rowland.

District #19 includes part of Lumberton, Wisharts, East and West Howellsville, Britts. Vying for that seat are: Mrs. Virginia Jacobs of Route 5, Lumberton; Mr. Dock Edward Locklear Jr. of Route 1, Lumberton; Mr. Alfred Locklear of Route 5, Lumberton; and Mr. Terry Smith of Route 1, St. Pauls.

Mrs. Zelma Locklear of Lumberton and Mr. Timmie Randell Hunt of Lumberton are vying for a position to represent District #20 which is Lumberton.

Mr. Lance Harding Jr. of Route 10, Lumberton and Mr. Michael Edward Butler of Route 3, Lumberton are seeking a seat as representative for District #21. That district is comprised of Raft Swamp and a portion of Lumberton.

The Constitution Assembly is charged, according to the Constitution with the responsibility of overseeing this first election for Tribal Council and Chairman. According to them, there will be no write in candidates and voters will be required to sign residence affidavits. Persons voting more than one time may be prosecuted for perjury. It will be necessary, according to the Assembly for each voter to establish on a District map which district he or she resides in. This effort is being done to insure a fair election and to offer everyone who is eligible the right to vote. Voters will be urged to vote in their own districts and the district maps will serve as the determining factor, as well as the affidavit signed under penalty of perjury, to ensure that people do not vote outside the district they reside in.

Voters must be 18 years of age or older, must be Lumbee Indian and must reside in the district that they are voting in. All districts will vote on the Tribal Chairman.



Shown left to right are McDuffie Cummings, Town Manager; Milton R. Hunt, Mayor; William Locklear, Chairman, Board of Commissioners; and LeMark Harris, Executive Director.

## Pembroke Housing Authority Establishes Police Substation

In an effort to deter crime and maintain a drug-free environment, the Pembroke Housing Authority has contracted with the Rowland Police Department for the provision of supplemental police services. A dwelling unit has been converted for a police substation that will serve as the central point of contact for the resident and officers.

According to the Authority's Executive Director Lemark Harris, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development encourages housing authorities to take initiatives such as establishing substations and contracting for additional police services.

According to Harris, the Authority hopes to eliminate the presence of outsiders who enter upon the Authority's developments and create problems. He states that approximately seventy five percent of the Authority's problems stem from persons who do not live within the developments.

This program will initially begin in Strickland Heights, the Authority's largest of it's five developments. Police officers will volunteer to work

## Paralegal Association to Hold Practical Skills Seminar

The North Carolina Paralegal Association, Inc. will hold its 10th Annual Practical Skills Seminar on Saturday, September 17, 1994, at the Sheraton New Bern Hotel in New Bern, North Carolina. The seminar is structured to develop and enhance the practical legal skills of paralegals and other non-attorneys who work in the legal profession. The program begins at 8:45 a.m. concludes at 5:15 p.m., and includes a mid-day luncheon. Practicing attorneys will give presentations on a wide variety of legal issues, including Effective Legal Writing; Preparing Estate Inventories and Accountings; State Appeal Process for Civil and Criminal Cases; New Foreclosure Statutes; Setting Up a Corporation; Case Management Within a Law Office; Gathering Assets and Debts for Domestic Cases; and Legal Ethics presented by Nancy Byerly Jones, Esq. of the North Carolina State Bar. The seminar will conclude with a panel of practicing attorneys.

Techniques of the Paralegal Profession. Each person attending the seminar will receive a bound manuscript of materials prepared in conjunction with the seminar program. Exhibitors from the legal support services industry will also be available to discuss and demonstrate their services and materials.

Preregistration for the seminar may be arranged by contacting NCPA Practical Skills Seminar Co-Chairs, Mara B. Esan, CLA at (704) 375-4480 or Susan L. Brewer at (919) 735-6420. You may also contact First Vice President, Linda Lee Marion, CLA at (910) 274-3193. Walk-in registrations on the day of the seminar will also be accepted.

## New Survivors Group to Open Sept. 1

The Rape Crisis Center of Robeson County announces that a new Survivor's Group will be opening on September 1, 1994.

The Group is open to adult women who have been victimized by Rape, Incest, or Sexual Abuse. Enrollment is limited, so interested persons need to call the Rape Crisis Center and set up in an appointment.

All inquiries about this group, and services provided by the Rape Crisis Center are free and confidential.

For more information, call Margaret Cries, 910-739-6278.

## Pembroke Kiwanis

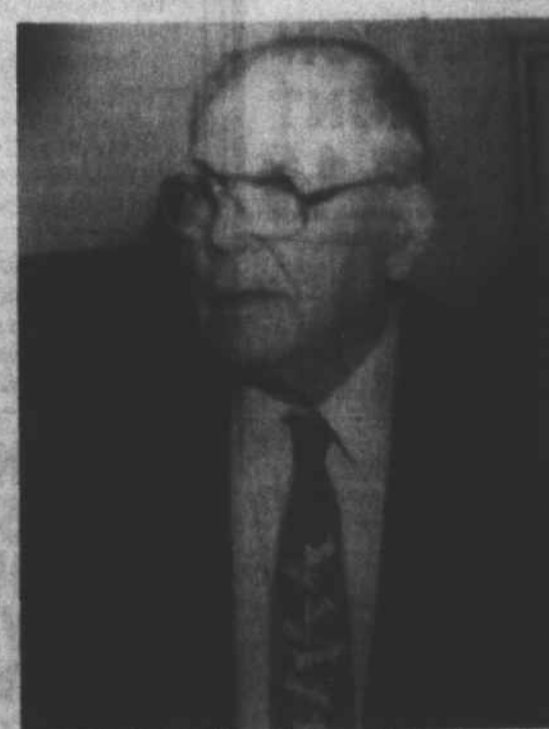
The weekly meeting was held at the Town and Country Restaurant with President Buddy Bell presiding.

Program Chairman Mark Locklear presented Mr. Glenn Branch, Agent of the North Carolina Law Enforcement Division of Alcohol Control. Mr. Branch is from Fairmont, NC with headquarters in Fayetteville, NC.

The division has 102 agents working Bladen, Scotland and Robeson Counties. There are 20,000 alcohol outlets in the three counties. New applications are investigated and processed. Selling alcohol to underage teenagers, preventing them from getting on the highways, investigating bootleggers and illegal stills, 20 were arrested last year. The main problem Mr. Branch said was poisonous liquor, and the loss of tax money for the State of North Carolina. They also have to investigate prostitution, drugs and marijuana violations. They also assist local law enforcement. We also have speakers for high schools and other groups, speaking on alcohol problems.

Last week's meeting was a cook out at Bob Lowry's home in Rowland. Invocation was Vardell Swett; Song leader was Ed Teets. Reporter-Ken Johnson.

## Celebrates 89th Birthday



Lonnie Revels of Pembroke celebrates his 89th Birthday, Friday, August 5, 1994. He was born in Lumberton, North Carolina on August 5th 1905. The family gave him a Father's Day celebration in June of 1994 to which an early Birthday celebration was included. The Honoree was given many nice gifts at his home. Also, a delicious dinner was served. Mr. Revels is the proud father of six children, five of whom are still living.

They are as follows: Mrs. Florence V. Ransom, of Pembroke, NC. Mrs. Delemae M. Harris, of Matthews, NC. Mrs. Rosa M. Winfree of Charlotte, NC. Mrs. Theresa Locklear of Lumberton, NC. Lonnie Revels, Jr. of Greensboro, and a foster son Sgt. Donald Godwin of Pembroke, NC.

Also many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. The Honoree worked hard, educated his children and was faithful to his church, the First Baptist Church in Pembroke, NC. He was married to the late Dimple Godwin of Pembroke. (Photo and Text by T/Sgt. W.M. P. Revels (Ret.))