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Jo Ann Locklear Announces Her candidacy For Re-Election To The Office Of Clerk of Superior Court



Jo Ann Locklear has publicly announced that she is seeking re-election for the Office of Clerk of Superior Court. Mrs. Locklear, 52-years-old, is a life time veteran with the Clerk's office. She served under the former Clerks, Ben G. Floyd, Jr. and Dixie Barrington for 27 years. She made her first bid at public office in May 1994 when she sought to be elected as Clerk of Superior Court along with three others. After winning the primary with 46.80% of the total votes, she was then appointed by the then Resident Superior Court Judge Joe Freeman Britt to fulfill the remainder of Mrs. Barrington's term upon her retirement on July 1st. Mrs. Locklear did not have opposition in the General Election. She began her elected term in December 1994.

Mrs. Locklear stated, "I have watched the Criminal Department grow from a staff of two to a staff of nineteen." Mrs. Locklear served as Assistant Clerk of Court for fifteen years and served in the capacity as supervisor for the Estates and Special Proceedings Department prior to becoming clerk. "My 12 years as a Deputy Clerk, and 15 years as an Assistant Clerk gave me the hands on experience and training that enabled me to successfully operate the clerk's office for the last 3 1/2 years as Clerk," Locklear said.

Mrs. Locklear says "The term CLERK is misleading. Clerical responsibilities are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the duties of the Clerk of Superior Court. A Clerk has extensive administrative and judicial responsibilities and is responsible for the acts of all employees in the office. A Clerk must be faithful to the law, maintain professional competence and must not be

swayed by partisan interest, public clamor, or criticism, and it is a must that this office have priority over other activities. It is an office that demands high standards of official and personal conduct in order to preserve the integrity of the office and I am proud to say that Robeson County has one of the most efficient operating offices in the State." Along with other accomplishments in the office, Mrs. Locklear is proud of the recent automation of the Jury system.

She states that she has maintained an open door policy to the public and will continue to do so.

Mrs. Locklear resides in the Saddletree Community with her husband, Grover, who is owner and operator of Pine Acres Upholstery Shop. They are the parents of three children, Lisa LaChelle McCoy, an Environmental Health Specialist with Bladen County, Dr. Bobbi Ann Stanley, a dentist in private practice in Cary and Kevin, a graduate student at the University of Arizona.

Locklear is a member of Mr. Olive Baptist Church in the Saddletree Community where she has served in the capacity of Church Clerk of 17 years and is presently a teacher for Children's Church. She is a part PTA president and school volunteer, Past Chairperson for the Robeson County Democratic Party, and a former member of the Board of Trustees for UNC Pembroke. She is presently a member of the Robeson County Democratic Women and the Pembroke Business and Professional Women's Association.

Locklear is the daughter of Thelma Graham Smith and the late James K. Smith of the Back Swamp Community. She grew up in the Back Swamp Community and was educated in the Public Schools of Robeson County.

Pembroke KFC Contributes To UNCP Scholarship Fund

Pembroke -- The new Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) restaurant in Pembroke made its first contribution to a planned five-year endowed scholarship program at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke. The endowment will go to the University of North Carolina at Pembroke Foundation's Corporate Scholars Fund and is matched dollar for dollar by an anonymous donor.

Scottish-Food Systems' President Charles Mullins made the presentation of \$1,000. Opened in 1997, the Pembroke KFC is the Laurinburg management company's 37th and newest restaurant.

Mr. Mullins said the new KFC locations on Odum Road across from campus is enjoying its business relationship with UNCP.

"We're very proud of our new restaurant, and we're pleased with the results," he said. "Our company has a much longer relationship with UNCP Pembroke because many of our key employees are graduates."

UNCP Chancellor Joseph B. Oxendine thanked KFC for their contribution to scholarship at the University.

"I am pleased to see assistance for

scholarships increasing at the University," Chancellor Oxendine said. "I assure you we will put this to good use because many of our students could not get a college education without help."

"I am especially pleased to receive this type of support from the business community," he said. "Our Corporate Scholars program is a valuable investment since any gift made to it is doubled by the fund."

The purpose of the Corporate Scholars Fund is to encourage more support from businesses for scholarship at UNCP. The goal is to provide a minimum of \$30,000 per year for five years with a dollar for dollar match.

Qualifying students must reside in one of seven southeastern North Carolina counties and meet both academic and financial qualifications. Recipients receive half of their tuition and fees.

"We're very pleased to be part of the Pembroke business community, and to be a part of scholarship at UNCP Pembroke," Mr. Mullins said.

Scottish Foods Systems, Inc. has four KFC restaurants in Robeson County, two in Lumberton, one in Red Springs and the new Pembroke site.



International Jensen contributes to UNCP scholarship. From left are UNCP Foundation member Joe Sandlin, Chancellor Joseph Plant Manager Don Soucy and Marshall Boykin, human resources manager for the Lumberton plant.

UNCP photo by Bobby Ayers

UNCP Receives Contribution From International Jensen

Pembroke -- International Jensen Incorporated made its second contribution recently to a five-year endowed scholarship program at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke. The endowment will go to the UNCP Foundation's Corporate Scholars Fund and is matched dollar for dollar by anonymous donor.

Don Soucy, plant manager of the Lumberton audio systems manufacturer, made the \$1,000 gift presentation. Headquartered in Lincolnshire, Ill., International Jensen employs nearly 550 workers at its Lumberton assembly plant.

"International Jensen considers itself fortunate to be able to participate in the UNCP Foundation's Corporate Scholars Fund," Mr. Soucy said. "Jensen strives to be a responsible corporate citizen of Robeson County by supporting the educational activities of both UNCP and Robeson Community College."

"International Jensen is very aware of the importance of having a knowledgeable and skilled workforce in order to remain a competitive entity in a very competitive marketplace," he said. "UNCP continues to strive for excellence, and Jensen is proud to be a partner in its scholarship efforts."

Chancellor Joseph B. Oxendine thanked International Jensen for the gift and had special words of praise for Soucy's contributions to the University.

"We are very appreciative for this gift from a valuable friend in the

business community," Chancellor Oxendine said. "We are especially appreciative of gifts to the Corporate Scholars Fund because they are matched dollar for dollar."

"This is a scholarship which will go to students who will bring distinction upon themselves and the scholarship," he said. "I am pleased to see assistance for scholarships increasing at the University."

"I would also like to thank Mr. Don Soucy for the other things he does for us," the chancellor said. "As a lecturer in our Business Administration Department, he brings to students a view of the real business world that is critical to their education."

The purpose of the Corporate Scholars Fund is to encourage more support from the business community for scholarship at the University at North Carolina at Pembroke. An anonymous donor is providing \$15,000 per year for five consecutive years to match dollar-for-dollar gifts from corporate donors.

Qualifying scholarship recipients must reside in one of seven southeastern North Carolina counties and meet both academic and financial qualifications. Recipients receive half their tuition and fees.

"It is a privilege and a responsibility for Jensen to assist the University in developing the minds of our most important asset - the people of Robeson County," Mr. Soucy said. "We welcome the opportunity to participate in this valuable five-year program."

Public Hearing to Be Held On Superintendent

The Board of Education is currently initiating a search for a new Superintendent for the Public Schools of Robeson County. An important part of the search process involves ascertaining what characteristics the parents of the children attending our schools feel the Board should for in a Superintendent before making such vital decision.

In order to allow parents to have that input, the Board of Education has scheduled public hearings on the matter during the month of January. These hearings will be held at high schools in each of the six high school districts in the county and have been

scheduled to take place on two different dates in order to accommodate parents who may have a conflict on one or the other dates.

All hearings will begin at 7 PM and will take place as follows:

On Jan. 27, 1998 at Purnell Swett High, Red Springs High and South Robeson High; and on Jan. 29, 1998 at Fairmont High, St. Pauls High and Lumberton Senior High.

Parents are urged to attend a hearing on either or both of these nights and to be prepared to express their feelings on the matter.

Sincerely,
Mike Smith, Chairman
Public Schools of Robeson County

McIntyre Raises More Than \$344,000 in 1997

Lumberton, NC -- U.S. Representative Mike McIntyre's re-election committee raised more than \$344,000 from supporters throughout the Seventh Congressional District in 1997. The McIntyre campaign begins 1998 with almost \$200,000 of cash on hand after allowing for expenses and retiring all debt from the 1996 elections.

David Branch, McIntyre's campaign chairman, said, "The McIntyre campaign begins the 1998 election season in excellent fiscal shape. Residents from throughout southeastern North Carolina are clearly pleased and excited about the work the Congressman is doing for them in Washington."

In 1997, fund-raisers were held in Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Cumberland, New Hanover, and Robeson counties. The campaign is already working with key leaders and citizens in all counties within the district to schedule 1998 fund-raisers, receptions, and rallies.

McIntyre, who vowed to bring Washington to those who live and work in southeastern North Carolina, made more than 300 appearances in 1997 to listen and talk with Seventh District residents.

For the 1998 elections, the Seventh District will include all of Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Duplin, New Hanover, and Pender counties, as well as parts of Cumberland, Robeson, and Sampson counties.

Brooks to teach January Bible Study at Pembroke First Baptist Church

Mr. Howard Brooks will be teaching the January Bible Study at Pembroke First Baptist Church on January 26-28 beginning at 7 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend. The pastor is Rev. Kent Chavis.



Locklear Re-Appointed To Local Board

Pembroke - Joel Garth Locklear has been re-appointed to the Pembroke Housing Authority Board of Commissioners by Milton R. Hunt, Mayor of the Town of Pembroke to serve a second five-year term that will expire January 17, 2002. Locklear was originally appointed to a five-year term on January 17, 1993. During this term he has held the position of Vice-chairman two years.

Locklear currently serves on other Boards of local interest. He is Chairman of The Indian Honor Association of Robeson County, Inc., an organization organized under his guidance for the purpose of promoting honor and respect for Indian elders and their families for participation in the electoral process. He is also a member of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs representing District III of the Lumbee Indian. He serves as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Legislative Committee and is a member of the recognition committee for Indian tribes of North Carolina, both organized under the auspices of the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs.

Mark Simeon Dufrene Brooks Receives USAA Award

Mark Simeon Dufrene Brooks has been nominated as a United States National Honor Roll member sponsored by the United States Achievement Academy.

Mark is a seventh grade student at Pembroke Middle School. He was honored nationally by Ms. Gwen H. Clark, Guidance Counselor. He has also received the Superintendent's Academic Award. His educational plans are to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.) to pursue a degree in Engineering.

Mark is the son of Reverend Ted and Rosella Brooks of Pembroke. He is the great nephew of Reverend Simcon and Maude Cummings of Pembroke and Mr. Landon and Mazie Smith of Nakina, NC.

Purnell Swett High School News

Adrain Jacobs and Karen Dial won the district award in the Young Authors Contest sponsored by the North Carolina Reading Association. This year's theme was "Through the Looking Glass" The Robeson Council had twelve schools participating this year with 133 entries. Of high schools participating only Purnell Swett and Red Springs had district winners.

Adrain's and Karen's essays will be entered in the state contest to be judged sometime in January. Winners of the state competition will be notified in February.

Congratulations to Adrain and Karen! They were members of the senior Advanced Placement English class.

The Living History Club performed "Remembering the 60's: at the Carolina Civic Center in Lumberton. The play was directed by John Hodges, featuring The Beatles, The Supremes, Ed Sullivan, a scene of the Vietnam War, and many other characters and historical accounts during the era.



25 Years of Service

The Carolina Indian Voice newspaper began January 18, 1973 with the first publication. Today marks the 25th year of continuous publication. We are particularly proud of that fact and are grateful to you, our readers. We are grateful to those who encourage us, those who love to tell us how to do it better, those who criticize and especially those who are fond of saying "Connee, somebody needs to do something!" This always means, of course, that the Carolina Indian Voice should take on another cause. And if we feel it is worthy, we will champion a cause!

During this 25th year we pledge to satisfy some of you, irritate some of you and continue to speak editorially when we feel the need to do so.

We are particularly proud to have been a part of the past twenty-five years of history for Lumbee people and have in a small way contributed to the preservation of that history.

Connee Brayboy