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Dr. Felicia Wilkins-Turner Appointed to the Democratic National Committee American Indian Desk Advisory Board



Dr Felicia Wilkins-Turner, Lumbee, was appointed recently to the Advisory Board of the American Indian Desk within the Democratic National Committee (DNC) in Washington, DC. "I am very pleased to have been selected for this prestigious appointment, states Dr. Turner, President Clinton established the DNC Amorican Indian Desk in 1995...the first in history. It especially pleases me that finally, even Washington realizes that American Indians across the Nation CAN and DO vote."

Turner has been involved with the Political Arena for some 15 years. Her

Carolina United Federated of American Indians Political Organization. affords her the skills and knowledge to qualify for the DNC-AID Advisory Board Appointment. The Federation, a non profit NC State Registered Organization has contributed to the political awareness of American Indians in North Carolina.

Over the years we (the Federation) have brought Political awareness through Political Forums, creating opportunities for face to face dialogue between local voters and local and Statewide Candidates." she explains. "Our involvement with the local and statewide Precinct Chairman in coordinating Political Activitics and suggested strategies have contributed to the high voter turn-out." The NC United Federation of American Indians is the only Political Action Committee (PAC) in the State We are very active with voter registration within the American Indian communities across the State, and support the American Indian Voter's Honor Program designed and implemented by two of our members. The United Federated Organization has coordinated efforts with other NC State Tribes to address issues facing American Indians in the State "This appointment, states Turner, will afford a better network with Federal and State involvement as an Officer in the North Political activity 1 envision a very

good partnership with he DNC and the 80,000 plus American Indians in the State.

Barbara Allen, the North Carolina State Democratic Chair states. "I want the Native American Communities to know I will depend on Dr Turner's input as we address the Native American Issues as with all issues of the State. She will be an important asset to the North Carolina Political process. I welcome her valuable contribution "

Steve Fowler. Chairman of the Columbus County Democratic Party, has already spoken to her about the Columbus County event in October. 'I look forward to working with Dr Turner

Robeson county Democratic Chair. Mayor Milton Hunt states, Dr Turner will make a valuable addition to the Advisory Board, she was a excellent choice. This move will be good for Robeson County."

The DNC-AID Advisory Board meets approximately six (6) times a years in Washington, DC, and membership includes American Indian Leaders from across the Nation. At the meeting held recently a Resolution for American Indian Sovereignty was presented and passed by the Office of the president and the Demo-cratic National Committee "We lobbied for two days for the passage of the Resolution, states Gwen Carr, Execu-

Duke's TIP features

tive Director for the American Indian Desk, and Dr Turner's contribution was well received. She will be an asset to the DNC Board agenda."

Greg Richardson, Executive Di-rector of the North Carolina Indian Commission, was appointed to the DNC American Indian Desk Advisory Board in 1997."I amy cry pleased Turner has been appointed to Dr Advisory Board, state Richardson, she will contribute the perspective from a Non-Federal Recognized Tribe Hook

forward to working with her." Dr Turner is a graduate of UNC-P with a degree in Mathematics, she received both her Masters and Doctorate degrees from The Pennsylvania State University where she scholared in public administration and educational administration. Presently, she is employed with the North Carolina Human Relations Commission as the Southeastern Regional Specialist. As, such, her work involves HRC Development. Crises Intervention (i c. KKK activities, school gangs, church burnings, religious slurs etc.), Educational Presentations, and Racial Incidents within the 25 Southeastern Counties. Within these Counties there are four (4) Indian Tribes and one (1) Urban Center.

She is a small business owner/ manager of a Financial Service Business located in Lumberton, Dr. Turner is the daughter of the late Roscoe and Gretchen Öxendine Wilkins. Her children, Randall, Teresa and Ginger, all reside in Robeson County.

Dr. Turner solicits any comments and/or concerns where she may be of help in the position. She can be reached at (910) 521-6536.

United Methodists to Gamer in Fayetteville for Annual Meeting Fayetteville, NC -- Over 1600 and agencies, and resolutions will be

United Methodists will gather in celcbration using the theme "All God's Children" when the North Carolina Annual Conference is held Thursday-Sunday, June 11-14, in Reeves Auditorium on the Methodist College Cam-

Pastors and lay members from 827 United Methodist churches throughout the 56-county conference in the castern portion of North Carolina will worship together and discuss and vote on various issues including clergy matters, a proposed \$13.9 million budget, and resolutions.

Bishop Marion M. Edwards. resident bishop of the Raleigh area, will preside during the session. Guest speakers include Bishop Alfred L. Norris, bishop of the Northwest Texas/ New Mexico area. Dr Eddie Fox. world director of evagelism of the World Methodist Council. Ms. Rebekah Carpenter, performing artist: and Dr. L. Gregory Jones. dean of the Duke Divinity School

While a major purpose of the conference is to take action on various matters, members will also provide support for mission projects by bringing powdered milk and canned meats for programs in Armenia and Liberia. through offerings in celebration of the 50th anniversary of camping ministry in the conference and offerings for ministries in Peru, and participation. in a walk/run for children and poverty. Ministries will also be highlighted at special times throughout the conference.

The conference will begin at 7 pm Thursday, June 11, with the Clergy Executive Session. The full session for lay and clergy will begin at 10 am on Friday. June 12. with Holy Communion. The conference budget, nomi- clergy. nations for conference commissions

introduced Friday morning for action later in the conference. Special awards will be presented Friday afternoon. including the Lay Person of the Year Members will receive copies of two resolutions from conference agencies when they register. One addresses a "livable wage" and the other is about camp director housing. Other resolutions are anticipated.

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On Friday evening, June 12, at 7.30 pm. 17 probationary members will be ordained clergy deacons, four associate members will be ordained clergy deacons, one person will be recognized from another denomination as a deacon, and 14 persons will be recognized as first-time local pas-

Following the 7:30 am walk/run on Friday, the conference will convene in plenary session before observing a Memorial Service for clergy and spouses that have died since the last conference. During the afternoon ses-sion members will vote on issues including clergy housing, the conference budget, and a request to return property to the Methodist Home for Children and a proposal to study relocating the Raleigh conference headquarters. Saturday evening members will participate in a celebration of ministry to children.

Sunday's agenda includes a morning Love Feast worship service which features testimonials, an afternoon service when 13 persons in full con-nection will be ordained clergy elders and four persons in full connection will be ordained clergy deacons, and two persons will be consecrated diaconal ministers. The conference will conclude with Bishop Edwards announcing the place of ministry for

by: Bill Norton

McIntyre Gets \$1.5 Million for US 74 in Robeson County

Washington, D.C. -- U.S. Repre- Atlantic region of the United States. sentative Mike McIntyre announced today that the U.S. Congress has approved his request of \$1.5 million to assist in the construction of a 5.6 mile stretch of U.S. 74 from the Maxton Bypass to NC Highway 710 near Pembroke. In addition. North Carolina will also receive an additional \$270 million per year for the State's highways and bridges under the comprehensive transportation bill that President Clinton is expected to sign into law. This increase should benefit 1-95. 1-40. and the proposed 1-74 corridor

Congressman McIntyre stated. "I funding this important transportation

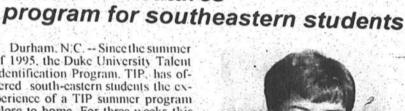
Regionally, the 1-74 corridor connects Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, to Detroit, Michigan, and represents a major source of interstate commerce flow on the east coast via the new 1-73 and I-74 freeway system. The Maxton project will alleviate current congestion problems and facilitate better traffic flow along this crucial interstate. facility.

Last year. Congressman MeIntyre testified before the U.S. House Transportation Committee on behalf of the Robeson County project.

In addition, under the new bill the am very pleased that both the U.S. amount of dollars North Carolina re-House and U.S. Senate have agreed on ceives from the U.S. Highway Trust Fund will increase from its current 82 project in Robeson County. This is an cents to almost 91 cents per dollar. important link in the completion of Immediately after taking office in early the 1-74 corridor and will help im- - 1997. Congressman Melntyre helped prove the safety of this road which has introduce legislation that was designed been a death trap for too long. It will to increase the State's rate of return for also help improve the flow of com- transportation dollars. Similar language was included in the final transportation bill which recently passed. Congressman McIntyre has served on a transportation task force over the last year

of 1995, the Duke University Talent Identification Program. TIP, has offered south-castern students the experience of a TIP summer program close to home. For three weeks this summer, students from North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Tennessee will be able to attend a summer residential program for academically talented youngsters on the campus of Appalachian State university in Boone. North Carolina.

The TIP at Appalachian State University Program mirrors the summer program offered on the Duke University campus in Durham. NC. TIP's home. The academic curriculum features course offerings in a variety of disciplines including Algebra L-Astronomy. Computer Science Pascal and Java. Dramatic Interpretations. Geology, Introduction to Latin, Mountain Ecosystems, Myths and Legends. and Short Fiction TIP's courses are fast paced and intensive, allowing students to progress at their own rate During a three-week term, students enroll in a single course and generally complete the equivalent of a year of high school or a semester of college level work. All summer program students spend six hours per day in class on weekdays and three hours on Saturdays.





Davidson College in Davidson, NC:

Bethel Hispanic Baptist Church Ground Breaking Day

There will be a ground-breaking begun in Robeson County approxiceremony for the Robeson County's mately five years ago by Christians. first Hispanic Church on Sunday, June concerned about the spiritual welfare 14 at 3 p.m. The future site of the of the Hispanic community The Burnt Bethel Hispanic Bautista Inglesia Swamp Baptist Association has joined (Bethel Hispanic Baptist Church) is in the building effort located five miles north of Lumberton at the intersection of U.S. 301 and Saddletree Road, across from Magno- an invitation for you to be a part of this lia School. The ceremony will be open historic day which will be filled with to the public, and the media is wel- music, worship, fun refreshments

Pastor Juvenal Gonzolez extends

mercial goods from the port of Wilmington to Charlotte.

When fully completed, 1-74 will be a tremendous boon not only to North Carolina, but also to the entire mid-



Ella Faye Larson and Hazel Perez, Co-Chairpersons for the 1998 Little Miss and Jr. Miss Lumbee Pageant wish to express their appreciation to South Robeson High School Art Teacher, Shelia Godwin and her sophomore students; Melissa Grogan, Anthony Hunt, Patrick Hunt, Victor Locklear, Joseph W. McNair, and Steven Reynolds for their assistance with the stage design for the pageant.

This is the second year that Ms. Godwin and her students have assisted the pageant committee with the stage design. The students designed the murals used as the back drop for the pageant. The mural designed by the students depicts a historical view of the "Land of the Lumbee". The students were given a Pizza Party May 21, by the pageant committee. This community effort enhances the efforts of the agency to make this

Homecoming, the 30th Afiniversary the biggest and best ever.

TIP at Appalachian is open to students enrolled in grades 7 through 10 Students invited in participate in TIP's summer educational program qualify based on Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), or the American College Testing Program Assessment (ACT) test scores. TIP summer program participants achieve scores comparable to

college bound high school seniors on college entrance exams.

TIP's instructors' are members of university faculties, outstanding teachers from secondary schools, experienced professionals, and advanced graduate students experienced in teaching bright students. All arc chosen for their expertise in their fields. Each class also has a teaching assistant who is an undergraduate or graduate student Most instructional staff live in the dormitories and work and play with students outside of class as nell

Although academics takes priority. TIP has designed a residential life program to enrich each participant's experience. Students are organized in living groups by course of study and cat meals with both residential and instructional staff. Residential teaching assistants supervise small groups of students during free time and organize social and recreational activities offered in the evenings and on weekcnds.

TIP offers four summer educational programs including the Summer Residential Program, the International Program. the Pre-College Program. and TIP Scientific Field Studies. Domestic summer residential program sites include: Duke University in Durham. NC; the Duke University Marine Lab in Beaufort, NC; the University of Kansas in Lawrence, KS:

Appalachian State University in Boone. NC: and the Harbor Branch Marine Lab in Fort Pierce, Florida. TIP has operated study abroad and exchange programs since 1988. In 1988 international study opportuni-tics are available in Costa Rica, En-

gland, Italy and Germany. Last summer, nearly 2,100 students from 42 states and 20 foreign countries attended TIP summer programs

TIP is a nonprofit, educational organization designed to identify and develop academic talent. Over the past decade: TIP has established itself as the largest program of its kind in the nation. Since 1980, more than 750,000 students from all parts of the world have taken part in a TIP program. The program receives support from student fees and donations from individuals, corporations and foundations. Parents and students interested in further information about TIP and its programs should contact the Duke University TIP office, telephone (919) 684-3847

Stewart Lowry is one of the students who will be attending. He is the 12 year old son of Thurman and Frances Lowry of Lexington, NC and he grandson of the late Willie Lee Stewart and Gladys Stewart of Greensboro. NC and the late Caplor and Mandy Lowry of Maxton, NC

Stewart is an AG (Academicallygifted) honor roll 7th grader at E awson Brown Middle School in Thomasville, NC. Stewart plays frombone in the concert. jazz and All-County bands. In addition, he plays violin and piano. He serves on the Student Council and was named the Quiz Bowl King. Stewart is a member of the Young First Americans Dance Troupe in Greensboro and performs for many cultural events.

Stewart has received a \$900,00 diversity scholarship from Duke University to attend the Duke Summer Residential Program on the Appalachian State University campus this summer July 18 - Aug. 8, 1998.

Stewart will be recognized at a special state-wide recognition ceremony at Wake Forest University. June 5 1998 for outstanding scores on the S.A.T.

Funds to purchase materials to build the 4,100-square-foot structure will be donated and the labor will be furnished by volunteers. More than 3,000 Hispanics live in the area, and they make up one of the fastest growing segments of the population. Under the sponsorship of the Robeson Baptist Association, the Hispanic Mission was

come.

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Rep. Doug Young Votes to Eliminate Food Tax

Raleigh - Representative Doug hated tax of all It's certainly one of the Yongue voted Wednesday to climinate the state sales tax on food, cut the personal income tax and reduce or climinate other taxes

The \$400 million tax-cut package passed the House 117-2,

With the vote, the House virtually assured repeal of the state food tax. The Senate also has passed a bill to climinate the tax, but on a different timetable

The House-passed bill would end the state tax on food on Oct. 1.

The General Assembly already has cut the 4 percent state sale tax in half for food. The first penny was elimi-nated on Jan 1, 1997. Another penny will come off the state tax on July 1

A family that spends \$100 a week at the grocery store, will save about \$200 each year with climination of the food tax

"I'm glad to cast a vote to take the food tax off the books." Rep. Yongue said "The food tax may be the most

most unfair

While supporting the tax cut. Rep. Yongue said lawmakers also must raise teacher pay, expand Smart Start statewide and meet other critical needs.

In addition to climinating the state food tax, the House-passed bill would make the personal exemption for state income taxes the same as the federal exemption, and mercase it every year to keep pace with inflation. Currently. the state exemption is \$2,500. The federal exemption is expected to be \$2,750 for the 1999 tax year, increase the property tax homestead exemption for the poor and elderly: repeal the inheritance tax and gift tax: encourage charitable giving by expand-ing the corporate charitable contribution and increasing a tax credit for those who do not itemize when they file their income taxes.

House and Senate negotiators will try to work out a compromise tax-cut

Tuscarora Tribe of NC to hold

membership meeting

All members of the Tuscarora Tribe of North Carolina are encouraged to attend the annual membership gathering on Saturday, June 27 beginning

at 10 a.m. at the new office location. 204 Main St, Pembroke (formerly the old hotel near the Post Office).

Very important business information concerning membership will be discussed at the meeting. Lunch will be served following the meeting.

Friends of Tuscarora people are invited to attend.

For further information call 910-521-1861.

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