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Congressman McIntyre Files for Re-Election



Lumberton, NC—Seventh District Congressman Mike McIntyre (D-Lumberton) filed recently for re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives. McIntyre, who was elected in 1996, filed at the State Board of Elections office in Raleigh. The primary election is scheduled for September 15 and the general election for November 3.

Congressman McIntyre said, "Representing the values and beliefs of southeastern North Carolinians is a high and distinct privilege that I have sought to honor as the people's voice. I am pleased with the work and progress that we have made in improving the lives of those who work and live here. However, there remains much that needs to be done to continue the fight for our North Carolina families and businesses with vision, vigor and valor. Therefore, I am officially filing to seek the support of the citizens of the Seventh District to continue as

their representative in Washington." Some of McIntyre's accomplishments this year include:

- Obtaining education grants for our local community colleges and universities; enacting tax cuts for family farms and small businesses; securing economic development grants to protect and provide new jobs for our local communities; ensuring the availability of crop insurance for N.C. tobacco farmers; securing funding for three projects at the Wilmington port; providing beach renourishment funds to protect our beautiful beaches; guaranteeing that our senior citizens, veterans, and military retirees; benefits are protected; fighting for military projects and equipment at Fort Bragg, Pope AFB, and Camp Lejeune; and returning more of our federal tax dollars to the state for highways and roads in our area.

McIntyre who serves on both the House Agriculture Committee and National Security Committee, kicked off his campaign re-election last October with a rally in Lumberton. Over 1000 supporters from all across southeastern North Carolina gathered to lend their support to the Congressman.

Under recent redistricting approved by the federal courts, the Seventh District will include all of Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Duplin, New Hanover and Pender counties and part of Cumberland, Robeson and Sampson counties.

Any individuals interested in learning more about Congressman McIntyre or volunteering for the campaign may call 910-7380-VOTE

State Pageant Finalist



Miss Brandy Michele Locklear, age 17, daughter of Brenda and Wayne Locklear has been chosen as a State Finalist in the Miss North Carolina American Teen Pageant to be held August 1st and 2nd at the beautiful Holiday Inn-Four Seasons in Greensboro. The pageant is held for girls ages thirteen through seventeen. The winner of the pageant will receive a \$1,000 cash award, the official crown and banner, bouquet of roses, transportation and sponsor fee to compete in the national pageant at Walt Disney World in Florida. Other pageants are held for the state to include all girls ages 3 through 17.

Thousands of dollars in cash awards, scholarships, trophies, and prizes will be awarded during the state pageant weekend. According to pageant officials, since 1983 the Miss

American Coed Pageant System has awarded more than ten million dollars in scholarships and awards to deserving young ladies. All activities are age-appropriate and family-oriented.

Families interested in receiving information about the pageants may call or write "Pageant Headquarters," 4714 Riviera Drive, Suite 301, Middletown, Ohio 45042; phone (513) 425-0800.

The pageants are for "Tomorrow's Leaders." They are open to girls between the ages of 3 and 17, with goals and dreams based on inner beauty, as well as poise, appearance, and an "All-American spirit for family, fun, and friends." Emphasis is placed on the importance of gaining self confidence, learning new skills, learning good attitudes about competition, and setting and achieving personal goals. The pageant seeks to recognize the accomplishments of each girl while encouraging her to set goals for the future.

Miss Brandy Locklear's activities include: Miss Spirit, Miss Personality, Miss Photogenic, Miss Model, Volunteer Service and Academic Achievement.

She also enjoys playing softball, basketball, swimming, skating, singing, meeting new people, going to church and shopping.

Miss Locklear's sponsors include: Jeffrey Wynn, James Gregory Bell, Double CA Farms, Lumbee Roofing, American Motor Co., Cyna's Jewelers, Sports Jam Inc., Floyd's Funeral Service (Fairmont), World of Beauty Shop, North Sun Housing 301, Billie Reeves, Christine Freeman, George and Laura Freeman, Tommy Locklear, Family and Friends.



The Lowrys host family. From the left, Jerry, Ryan, Denise, Ashley, and Lindsey Sweet.

A Lowry Family Reunion In Tampa Florida

All 7 children of the Marvin and Stella Lowry lineage, who grew up in the Pembroke, North Carolina area, held their 12th consecutive biennial family reunion in Tampa, Florida during an extended Father's Day weekend in June. Some 30 descendants from this branch of the Robeson County Lowry family tree traveled to Florida from 6 states. Brother Curliss's daughter, Denise along with her husband Jerry Sweet, served as the host for this family affair. Jerry is a minister and pastor of Wesley Memorial

United Methodist Church in Tampa. Their home, which serves as the church's parsonage, was the headquarters for the "Lowry Gathering". What didn't get said in the Sweet home, continued in the lobby of the Days Inn located nearby. Florida was in the midst of a heat wave and the motel pool was a popular place to congregate.

Our 1st cousin, Deanna Lowry Warner, lives in the Clearwater Florida area near Tampa. She prepared a brunch and served her relatives in her home during the mid-day on Saturday. Her mother, Shirley Smith Lowry, had attended many of our past reunions and was the host for one in Pembroke in 1988 before her death. On Saturday evening the Clan consumed more food in the fellowship hall of the Wesley Memorial UMC. We enjoyed a Cuban catered buffet featuring Cuban recipes. The high point of the event was a picture display, brought by some of us, of past events in our lives dealing mainly with the raising of our families.

On Father's Day we attended the 11 o'clock service and Rev. Gerald L. Sweet Senior Pastor, delivered the message. His subject, "The Habits Of Highly Effective Fathers", was based on the Bible text from Proverbs 22:6. It is about teaching our children to choose the right path and when they are older they will remain upon it. The congregation listened to an informative and inspiring message about maintaining consistency in character, vision, security, love, and faith while raising our children. Probably due to the grandfathers, the Pastor challenged all grandfathers to maintain good christian habits, and continue to be positive role models for the children.

Denise also had an aunt in the congregation, who just recently became a grandmother. Sister Barbara became a grandmother for the first time this year with 2 grandsons. Brother Curliss still leads the Clan with 6 children and 8 grandchildren. Without revealing individual ages, after a couple more birthdays in 1998, we will have accumulated a total of 490 years together. The difference between the oldest and youngest is 12 years. We will have attained an average age of 70, and one family member just celebrated his 70th birthday. It is always good to get together with family, and maintain pleasant relationships. Brother C. B. Lowry and his wife Sandy have agreed to host the next family reunion as we enter a new century. They are already talking about a cruise someplace the next time.

Ronald H. Lowry

Reading For Success Workshops

The Robeson County Church and Community Center offers (at no charge) a three session workshop to train volunteer tutors. These certified tutors are prepared to tutor school children in reading at the County elementary schools. These workshops will be held in a resource room at the planetarium of the Public Schools of Robeson County.

For more information 738-5204.

Filing Opens For The Lumbee Tribal Government

Pembroke (North Carolina) — The Lumbee Tribal Elections Board announces that filing will open on July 20, 1998 for the following Tribal Council Districts: 1, 4, 7, 9, 10, 13, 16, 19, and 21. A brief description of those districts are as follows: District 1 includes the greater portion of Scotland County, District 4 includes all of Cumberland County and the St. Pauls Township, District 7 includes the Union Chapel area, District 9 includes South Pembroke, and District 10 includes North Pembroke. District 13 includes the Prospect area. District 16 includes the lower eastern part of Robeson, including Rowland and a portion of Alfordville Township. District 19 includes the Smyra area, and District 21 includes the Raft Swamp area.

Qualifications for the office of Tribal Council: (2) Must be Lumbee; (2) Must be 21 years of age; (3) for the preceding 6 months, hold residence in the District; (4) Upon election to tribal office, hold no publicly elected office, and (5) Have no felony conviction for the previous seven years.

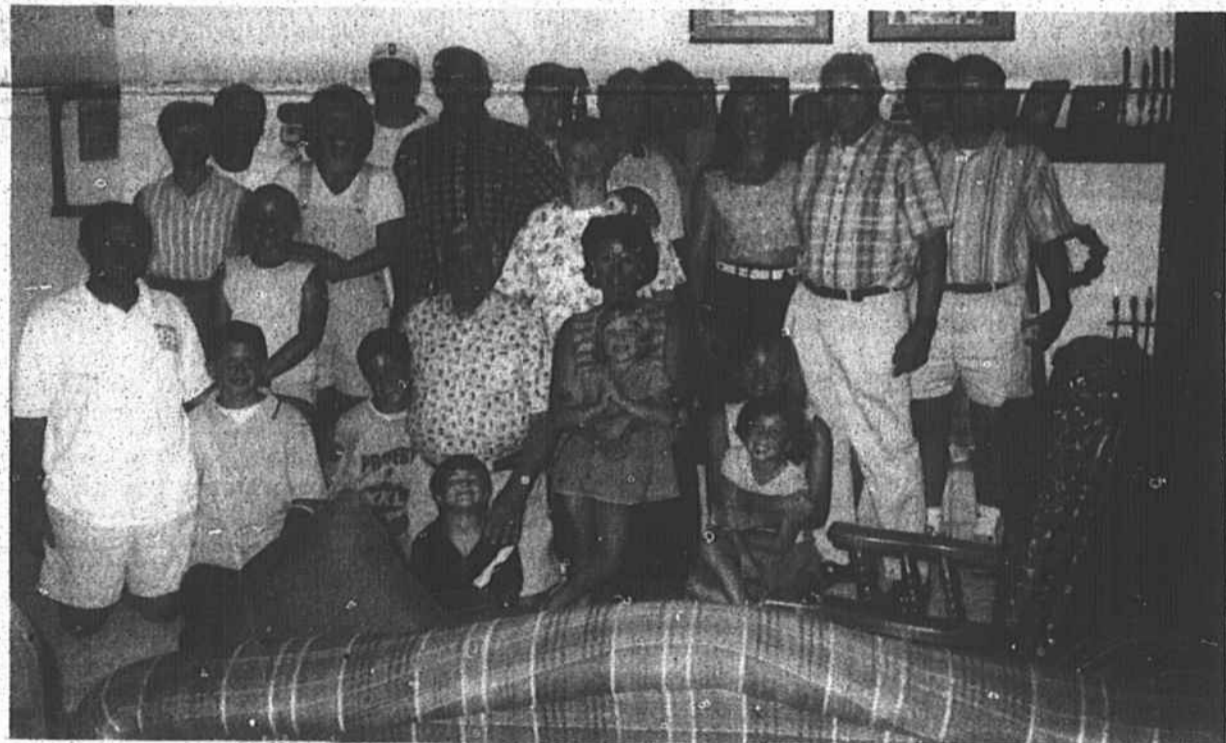
The following council members are ineligible to run a 3rd term for the above districts: District 1 (Mr. Walter Lowery); District 7 (Mrs. Rhonda Locklear); District 13 (Mrs. Emma L.

Locklear); and District 19 (Mr. Terry Smith). These council members are ineligible to run because the Lumbee Tribal Constitution forbids a council member from holding the office for more than two consecutive terms.

The Lumbee Tribal Elections Board also announces that filing will open on July 20, 1998 for the office of Tribal Chairman. Dr. Dalton P. Brooks, elected in 1994 as the first Lumbee Tribal Chairman, will end his four-year term this year. Qualifications for the office of Tribal Chairman: (1) Must be Lumbee; (2) Must be 35 years of age; (3) For the preceding 6 months, hold residence in the Lumbee Tribal Territory; (4) Upon holding tribal office, hold no publicly elected office, and (5) Have no felony conviction for the previous seven years.

Filing for Tribal Council seats and the office of Tribal Chairman will end at 5:00 p.m. on July 28, 1998.

If interested in filing for the office of Tribal Council or Tribal Chairman, please call 521-1999 for an appointment. A non-returnable filing fee of \$50.00 is imposed for those seeking election to the Lumbee Tribal Council. A non-returnable filing fee of \$100.00 is imposed for those seeking election to the office of Tribal Chairman.



A group of Lowry descendants who returned to the Sweet home on Father's Day evening for the finality of a great week-end.



From Left, Dale Chavis, president of the Robeson County chapter/American Cancer Society, presented Relay for Life awards to Mary Stephenson Townsend and Stanley Locklear.

Top Relay For Life Team Honored For Cancer Fund-Raising

Hospice of Robeson's team was recently honored as the top fund-raiser at the 1998 Relay for Life held May 1-2 at Lumberton Senior High School. Led by Team Captain Stanley Locklear, a Hospice volunteer who works as a unit secretary at Southeastern Regional Medical Center, the team raised a total of \$6,750.

Mary Stephenson Townsend, a cancer survivor, was named top individual fund-raiser. Alone she raised \$2,300 for the Hospice team.

"We are proud of the Hospice team and the other 54 teams that participated in this year's record-setting Relay," said Dale Chavis, president of the Robeson County chapter of the American Cancer Society. "Altogether they raised a total of \$118,000 to fund cancer education and research."

The fourth annual 1998 Relay for Life was the most successful 24-hour event of its kind ever held in Robeson County. It was sponsored by a \$7,000 grant from the Southeastern Regional Medical Center Foundation.

Money raised at this year's Relay for Life will come back to the local community in several ways. One of the most important of these is assisting with local support groups for cancer survivors and their families.

Groups for people diagnosed with colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer meet monthly at the Southeastern Cancer Center, 1200 Pine Run Dr. in Lumberton. For more information about either of these three support groups, call the Center at 671-5730 or the American Cancer Society at 737-6222.

Proposed Patient Bill of Rights Will Cost Over 70,332 North Carolina Residents Their Health Insurance

With Congress moving closer to voting on health care legislation, more information is becoming available on the potential impact of the co-called Patient Bill of Rights legislation.

According to a respected economic analysis firm, the Barents Group, over

three million people in the United States will join the ranks of the uninsured in 1999 if the Patient Bill of Rights, sponsored by Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA) and Congressman John Dingell (D-MI) becomes law.

The Barents group study says that

70,332 North Carolina residents will lose their health insurance in 1999 because of the Patient Bill of Rights, if Congress adopts it.

The Patient Bill of rights contains a wide range of new federal mandates that will drive up the cost of health

care and force small and medium-sized employers to discontinue providing health insurance to their employees.

The Healthcare Leadership Council (HLC) has spokespersons available to discuss this issue with you. The

Washington-based HLC is the only organization that represents the entire breadth of the nation's health care system. The HLC is a coalition of chief executives from the country's leading hospitals, health plans pharmaceutical companies, medical de-

vice manufacturers and medical teaching universities.

To arrange for an interview with an HLC spokesperson, please call Michael Freeman or Kelly Kennel at 202-452-8700.