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Congressman Mike McIntyre

## Congressman McIntyre Files for Re-Election

Lumberton-Seventh District Congressman Mike McIntyre filed recently for re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives. McIntyre, who was first elected in 1996, is seeking his fourth term.

Congressman McIntyre stated, "Representing the citizens of southeastern North Carolina in Washington is an opportunity that I am very grateful to have. I am excited about building on the accomplishments that we have made, and I also recognize the challenges in continuing to make our communities stronger and more secure."

McIntyre stressed that he will continue to fight for: good paying jobs; a strong national defense and well-deserved benefits for our veterans and military retirees; farm programs that will help our farmers; resources for our law enforcement officials, emergency personnel, and fire fighters; preservation of Social Security and Medicare; quality schools and smaller class sizes; transportation and infra-

structure needs; less regulation for our small businesses; quality housing and safe towns and neighborhoods; affordable and accessible health care; Native American recognition; and beach re-nourishment, the environment, and Wilmington Port improvements.

McIntyre serves on both the House Agriculture Committee and the House Armed Services Committee. He is co-chairman of the Rural Health Care Coalition and the Congressional Task Force on Fatherhood. In addition, he also serves on a Special Oversight Panel on Terrorism and a Homeland Security Task Force on Capitol Hill.

McIntyre and his wife Dee live in Lumberton. They have two sons- Joshua, a freshman at UNC-Chapel Hill, and Stephen, a senior at Lumberton High School.

You can visit Congressman McIntyre's campaign website at [www.mike-mcintyre.com](http://www.mike-mcintyre.com) or call 910-738-VOTE (8683).

## Cultural Festival Highlights Diversity at UNCP

Pembroke, NC-The University of North Carolina at Pembroke's Student Activities Office is celebrating its cultural diversity Wednesday, March 28, with a festival that offers something for almost everyone.

The ninth annual "A Taste of Culture" will be held at 10 a.m. in the Chavis University Center. The event is free and open to everyone.

"A Taste of Culture" offers a variety of ethnic foods, dance, art, literature and music from cultures near and far. Represented cultures range from Native American African American to Latin, Asian, and European with a dash of others to add flavor, according to Abdul Ghaffar, director of Student Activi-

ties at UNCP.

"This is an event we do every year," said Mr. Ghaffar. "And this is one that we take great pride in because our university is so diverse and offers so many cultural aspects that we just like to show them off as much as possible."

"A Taste of Culture" is a popular event at UNCP, attracting hundreds of people each year, and incorporating a wide array of student talent-both in the kitchen and on the dance floor. Student organizations, including the African American Student Organization, Native American Student Organization, Latin American Student Organization and International Student Organization, provide most of the displays, food and entertainment.

## Summer Opportunity for Native American Youth

The Harvard Nation Building for Native Youth Program is designed to gather the best and brightest Native youth (High school Seniors) to increase their capacity to give back to their people. The Native Vision Camp is scheduled for June 19-23 where 800 young people from over 30 tribes will attend the seven-year program on the White Mountain Apache Reservation. Designed to prepare young people for assuming tribal leadership roles and responsibilities, the program will recruit and train ten to twelve of the very top American Indian youth around the country and then partner them with Native Vision's professional athletes to act as senior counselors.

Native American student government presidents, class valedictorians, and top school organization leaders from high schools around the country are invited to apply for participation in this

event. A small stipend will be provided for the four-day experience to those young people selected for participation. Interested students should (1) contact Nick Lowery at the National Building for Native Youth Program at Harvard at [loowerynick@hotmail.com](mailto:loowerynick@hotmail.com) with the subject "NBNY." Attached to the e-mail should be (1) a one-page letter of recommendation from your school principal with name and telephone number, and (2) biographical information about personal interests, academic, school and community activities, and (3) a statement of why the applicant would like to participate in the NBNY program. Interested Native American young people who meet the eligibility criteria should contact their respective high school guidance counselor and principal to assist in preparation of the required material for submittal by March 15.

## Representative Ron Sutton Filing Statement

I have filed for a sixth term in the North Carolina House of Representatives. My service has been rewarding and enjoyable. I have been honored to serve all the people of District 85 in Robeson and Hoke counties.

This past session was both demanding and fruitful. It was the longest in our states' history and we faced some of our greatest financial challenges. Facing a budget crisis, the General Assembly rose to the occasion and made tough spending cuts and a modest temporary sales tax increase.

Last session was fruitful for me in that I caused several pieces of major legislation to become law. My bill to modernize our state's marriage laws brought us forward into the 21st century. I had a House bill identical to the Senate Bill that prohibit the execution of mentally retarded persons. Most of the hearing and discussions on the issue were had in the House and I led those efforts and handled the Senate Bill while it was in the House.

My bill to authorize the state of North Carolina to hold Indian lands in Trust for Indian Tribes similar to that of federal law was passed last year.

An extremely important bill was House Bill 970, a bill updating and refining the relationship between new car dealer and automobile manufacturers. I handled it in a special subcommittee, in the Judiciary Committee and on the House floor. That law is a major step in keeping small town new car dealer in business. This is extremely important in this time of a down turn in the economy.

Yet the most controversial duty I had was chairing the House Redistricting Committee. I had the responsibility of redrawing the district lines for all 120 House members. While I had a Republican co-chair and the Redistricting Committee was evenly balanced between both parties only my bill was voted out of committee and updated four times on the floor. My bill, Sutton Plan Three, ultimately passed both the House and Senate. The redistricting plans were approved by the U. S. Justice Department Voting Rights Section on the first submission, for the first time in 30 years.

Although a Redistricting suit is still in the state courts, elections are going forward and higher courts will decide whether we have to go back and re-draw the lines again later.

I grew up in the Saddletree community but now live with my wife Genny in the Philadelphus community. We have two daughters, Ronette



and Fonda and two grandsons, French and Greyson.

I thank my constituents, friends, and most of all my family, especially my wife Genny for supporting me throughout these past ten years. I look forward to representing you in the new House District 47 beginning next year. As citizens we have many challenges ahead of us but, united we can survive this temporary down turn in our economy and still keep high standards in education, transportation, the prison system, the courts system and health and human services.

With your support and assistance I can and will continue to do what is right for our district, region and state.  
Representative Ronnie Sutton

## District Attorney Johnson Britt Seeks Re-election

District Attorney Johnson Britt announces that he is seeking re-election. A native of Robeson County, he returned home after graduating from Campbell University School of Law to work with and serve the people of our county. Britt said "it's been an honor serving as your District Attorney for the last eight years. I look forward to serving the citizens of this great county for another four years and I ask for your support."

As District Attorney he has focused on the prosecution of drug related and violent crimes. He promises to continue to vigorously prosecute these crimes and be fair in the administration of justice. He is committed to continuing to improve the Robeson County criminal justice system and our quality of life. He remains accessible, ready to listen and willing to help.

District Attorney Britt is president-elect of the North Carolina Conference of District Attorneys, member of the Robeson County Executive Law Enforcement Association, Board Member Palmer Prevention, member of the Robeson County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, founding member of Robeson Child and Family Health Board, Kiwanis of Robeson, Elder at First Presbyterian Church, and Moderator of the First Presbyterian Youth Committee. He is past Chairman of the North Carolina Conference of District Attorneys Training committee, past participant in the Innovative Prosecutors Program-Jefferson Institute of Justice Studies in Washington, D. C. and featured speaker to the New York State Prosecutors Association, the Missouri District Attorneys Association and the National Prosecutors Coordinators Association.

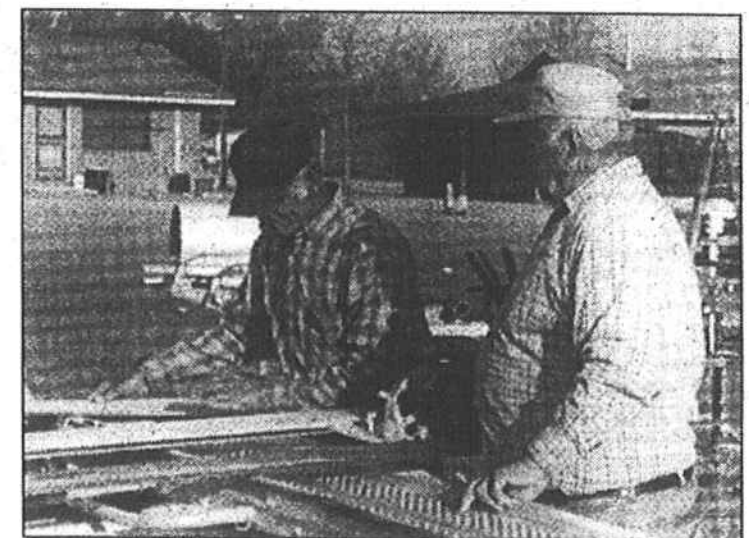


## Jobs Created at Pembroke Housing Authority

Pembroke- With an ever increasing need for jobs here in Pembroke, our local housing authority is utilizing a little known HUD program known as "force account labor" to employ local residents and perform much needed rehabilitation to the 243 dwelling units owned and operated by the Authority. During the past twelve to eighteen months, the Authority has created temporary employment for twelve families living in and around the Pembroke area. Due to the nature of these jobs requiring various levels of work experience, wages earned were higher than the average.

"This program provides employment opportunities for the local taxpayers of Robeson County", states Lemark Harris, Executive Director for the Pembroke Housing Authority. "Instead of letting a contract publicly and possibly awarding it to an out-of-town company with out-of-town employees, we can now offer these jobs to local residents. In addition, we can better control the flow of work, costs, and quality of work as an employer. It is simply win-win for our community, resident, and Authority."

The latest phase of work items completed by the Authority included installation of vinyl siding for the units in sites Locklear Court, Chavis Park, and Strickland Heights. During this phase, the Authority provided temporary employment for five different local residents. Approximately one thousand squares of vinyl siding were installed on sixty-nine different buildings located within these three sites. Numerous rolls of aluminum coil, hundreds of squares of vinyl soffit, and thousands of pieces of J-channel were installed also. Where possible, insulation was installed between the vinyl siding and exterior walls to provide for energy efficiency. Upon completion, each unit's appearance was dramatically enhanced as well as its ability to help the resident conserve energy and save money on household utility costs.



Ray Locklear (left) and John Ander Oxendine measure and cut soffit for a unit.

## An Evening With Robert Morgan planned

The Friends of the Library of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke will present "An Evening with Robert Morgan" featuring Mr. Morgan speaking about his Oprah Book Club selection and Southern Book Award novel *Gap Creek* and other works as well as a buffet dinner, reception, music, and a silent auction.

The event will be held in Sampson-Livermore Library March 22, 2002. Reception is at 6 and dinner at 7:30 p.m.

## Registration Orientation planned at Swett High

Purnell Swett High School will host a 2002-2003 Registration Orientation and Curriculum Fair for parents and students who will be in grades 9-12 next school year on Monday, March 4, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. The session will be held in the school cafeteria.

All parents and students are invited to attend. Refreshments will be provided.



James "Rooster" Smith (left) and Milton Cummings install soffit at a unit in Chavis Park.