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Old School vs. New School

Parmon cites her decades of experience, while Taylor says he will bring fresh ideas to the N.C. Senate

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City Council member James Taylor has had plenty to say about his opponents in the Democratic Primary race for North Carolina Senate District 32 in recent weeks.

Taylor has made several allegations against State Rep. Earline Parmon, a member of the General Assembly since 2003 and one of two Democrats challenging him for the seat.

Two weeks ago, Taylor, who represents the city's Southeast Ward, posted a comment on his Facebook page accusing Parmon of stealing his campaign signs. Taylor said he was given the information by a witness who allegedly caught Parmon in the act. He later apologized and removed the post, but says he still believes Parmon is guilty.

"All I'm doing is acting in response to some of the things that have been done and said," remarked the city native. "I will no longer do that going forward. I am just going to run my campaign."

Parmon, a former County Commissioner who is giving up her 72nd House seat to run for the state Senate, vehemently denies Taylor's claim.

"As a candidate who has served the public for 22 years, I would not go around stealing signs," she declared. "I have more to do."

Parmon, who worked alongside State Rep. Larry Womble on the bill to award compensation to victims of the state's eugenics program and served as a primary sponsor on bills to instate early voting and Silver Alerts for missing elderly residents, said she is running on her record.

"I'm the only experienced candidate in this race," said Parmon, who also joined Womble to push through the Racial Justice Act. "I have a record to run on — I am a proven leader."

Taylor, who joined the City Council in December 2009, said Parmon and others in the General Assembly are "asleep at the wheel." He believes constituents across North Carolina are ready for a different kind of leadership.

"There are new leaders who are mobilizing all over the state of North Carolina who are tired of politics as usual," he declared. "If we are going to move the state forward, we need new vision and fresh leadership."

Parmon, who chaired the House Education Committee from 2003-2010, says she has been an effective legislator.

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Legal eagles judge Cook Elementary speech contest



Judges (from left) Dr. Cynthia Rothschild of Kilpatrick Townsend, Ivey Brown, Winston-Salem State's assistant attorney and WFU Law Dean Blake Morant listen to a contestant.

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Nine year-old Nadia Wisley isn't wasting any time in honing her public speaking skills.

The Cook Elementary School fourth grader showed her oratory prowess last week by winning an essay contest sponsored by the Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton law firm and Wake Forest School of Law.

"It was a great experience," she said of the contest. "Now, when I grow up and I go out and I have to speak to a group or a crowd, I won't be as nervous, and I'll remember this experience when I do it."

Nadia, who says she wants to be a person who saves lives, an artist or a comedian, when she grows up, prevailed over five of her schoolmates. Nadia and the others were selected as finalists by Kilpatrick Stockton representatives and Cook staffers and given

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Cancer slayer hosting other women who have overcome

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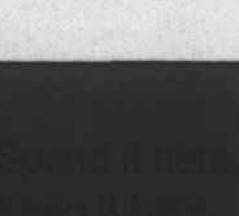
As an ovarian cancer survivor, Linda McRae knows firsthand how unpredictable life can be. But instead of fearing what's around the next bend, McRae, who has been in remission — or "healed" as she prefers to put it — for nearly two years, says she appreciates every moment.

"If I can take anything away from my experience, it's just that we need to celebrate each day like it's our very last," said McRae, who pastors Little Salem Christian Church in Reidsville alongside her husband, Ronald.

"...I celebrate my own life and my own wellness and I want to encourage others to do that too, because life is uncertain."

In hopes of sharing her victory over cancer and encouraging others who face seemingly insurmountable challenges

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