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gridlocks and a lot of fighting."

Parmon, an avid supporter of social justice legislation like the Racial Justice Act, which she co-sponsored, and compensation for victims of the state's eugenics program, says she expects new voter identification laws to be proposed, and other progressive agendas such as women's rights, to come under fire.

"I just hope I'm wrong in being so pessimistic. I hope I will get a great surprise on how things will shape up in Raleigh in the General Assembly," declared Parmon, who served in the House prior to her election to the senate. "This is one time I'd be very happy to say I was wrong. I think the people of North Carolina want to see some balance in state government. They want us to create jobs and ensure that education is accessible to all people and I think that's what those of us who are going to Raleigh should be willing to do."

Though there will undoubtedly be some areas where he doesn't see eye to eye with his Democratic counterparts, Republican Donny Lambeth, who was recently elected to represent the North Carolina House of Representatives' District 75, said there are likely also many areas where they are in agreement. Lambeth, a retired Wake Forest Baptist Health top executive and current chair of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education, said he will embrace public education reform and increasing health care access, just as many pro-

gressive legislators do. Tackling tough issues such as these will require both sides to be flexible, Lambeth said.

"There are some very important decisions that need to be made," he stated. "...We're only going to solve those (problems) if we can work together, and I think that maybe there's the mood and the willingness for people to do that."



Hanes



MacThompson

Ed Hanes, Parmon's successor in the NC House's 72nd District, said he will also focus on reaching across the aisles to champion the kind of legislation he wants to see passed.

"I just look at this as an opportunity to go in and see where we can meet and do the work of the people," Hanes said. "...Outright capitulation is not the foundation of legislation. - compromise is - and I think as much as I can, as much as it's reasonable to do so, that's how I'm going to approach my job in Raleigh."

Hanes said he didn't know much about McCrory, but he's cautiously optimistic about the

state's new leader, based on what he has heard.

"The only thing that I can see is the work that he has done as mayor of Charlotte. Many of my Democratic colleagues and friends who are in business in Charlotte frankly gave him good marks for business. We'll see how he reacts and interacts when it comes down to some of these harder social justice issues that we're going to see in the North Carolina legislature," he commented. "I think it's a little bit of a wait and see. All we can do is take the man at his word and see what he does when he gets there."

Dr. Donald Mac-Thompson, an associate professor of political science and chair of the Department of Social Sciences at Winston-Salem State University, also doesn't believe that McCrory should be written off by Democrats.

"I think if he has a focused agenda and is very willing to work with the state legislature, public policy will be better for North Carolina," surmised Mac-Thompson, a registered Democrat. "If we look at the individual versus the political affiliation, I think that he's got the experience. He is very good at attracting small businesses to Charlotte, for example, and I am pretty sure he will do the same with the Chamber of Commerce and the state as a whole."

Holiday Effort Supports Vets



Photo by Aerna Singleton

Volunteers help with the distribution of hundreds of Thanksgiving bags for local veterans and the families of deployed military personnel. Each vet or family received a 14-pound turkey, canned yams, corn, green beans, cranberry sauce, instant mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, rolls and a pumpkin pie. Operation Thanksgiving Blessing, which took place at the National Guard Armory on Silas Creek Parkway on Saturday, was sponsored by Agape Faith Church and Love Out Loud, a project of Winston-Salem First.

Murals

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and furniture. The future is represented through the figure at the top leaping through a computer screen to grasp a book. The hope for the future is in technology and education. The project was made possible through funding from a grant through the National Endowment for the Arts, and was started three years ago by Dr. LeAnne Disla, from the Global Leadership Institute and Duke University, as a "Stories through Murals" project with Durham Public Schools. This year, the project expanded to

community colleges, and DCCC was selected as one of the partners.

Suzanne LaVenture, director of international education and instructor of Spanish who has been instrumental in the project, notes that a lot of teamwork was required to bring the project to completion.

"DCCC faculty, students and community members spent months gathering oral histories, then spent more time extracting the themes and ideas," she says. "It's an experience that I'll always remember."

LaVenture added that she speaks Spanish, and was able to communicate with the artists quite well,

and learned about their individual motivation, style and personality. "It was truly amazing to watch how they collaborated," she says.

"I can look at the mural and see the bits done by each individual and yet still be impressed by the cohesiveness of the mural as a whole."

Members of both the Thomasville and Lexington communities also found the mural project to be rewarding and valuable. Joe Bennett, mayor of Thomasville, stopped by to visit the project throughout the week and presented the artists with a "City of Thomasville" pin.

Nurses

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distribution of advanced practice nurses who often serve as the primary health-care provider in underserved rural and urban population areas of North Carolina," said Dr. Lenora Campbell, associate dean of the Division of Nursing. "The AENT support

will allow our students to devote more time to academic activities to

enhance their success. The funding will also allow students to pursue full-time versus part-time study. Both of these will help to address the state's shortage of primary care providers by graduating a continuous supply of practitioners who are well qualified to provide high quality, culturally relevant health care."

WSSU is also partnering with Duke University School of Nursing to establish the Bridge to the Doctorate program, only one of two such programs for nurses in the United States. The \$1,245,190 five-year project is being funded by the National Institute of General Medicine. It is designed to increase the number of minority nursing students enrolled in the master's program at WSSU who are prepared for the Ph.D. programs in nursing and other related biomedical and behavioral science disciplines at Duke University. The two universities will collaborate to develop and teach courses at both the WSSU and Duke campuses, as well as create two-year long mentoring relationships among students and WSSU and Duke researchers.



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