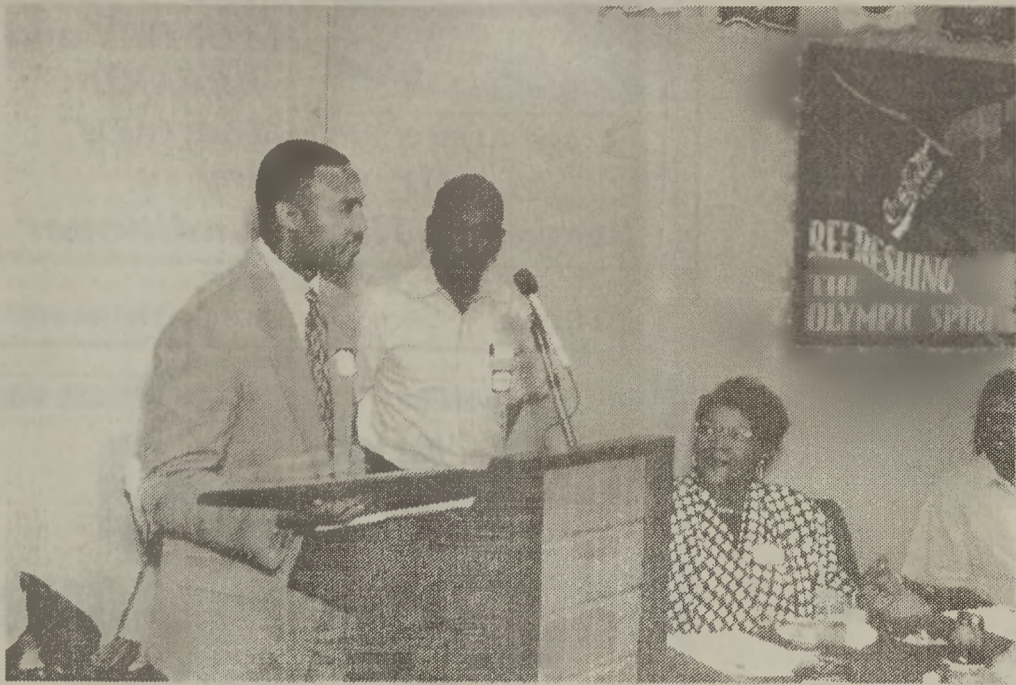
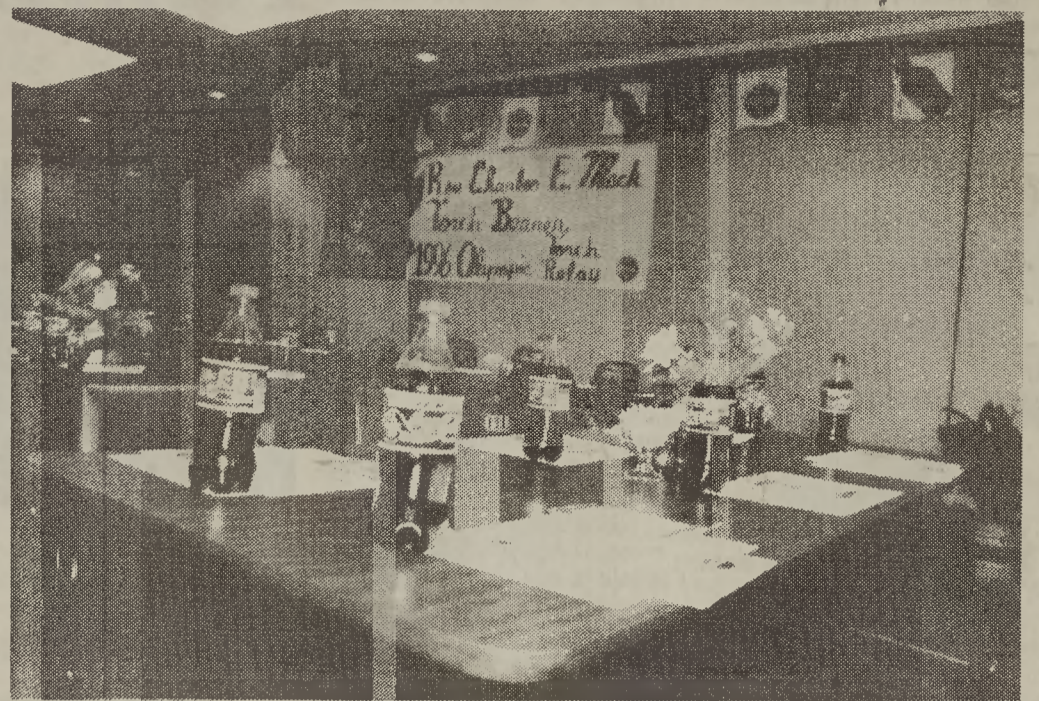


Olympic Torchbearer...



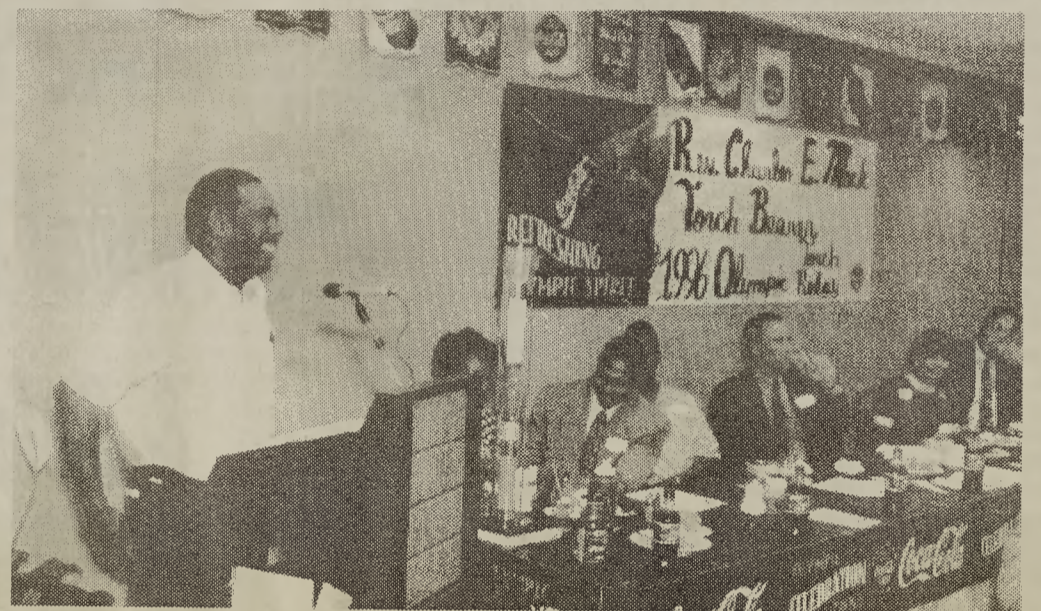
Charlotte City Council member Patrick Cannon (left) with Rev. Charles Mack at podium during Tuesday's luncheon honoring the Olympic Relay Torchbearer at McDonald's Cafeteria.



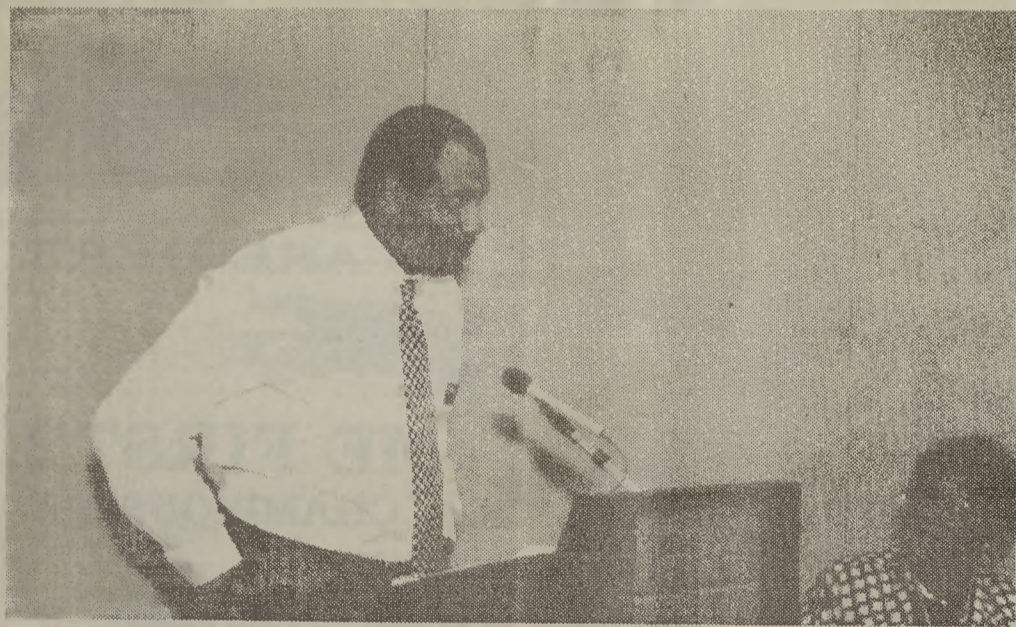
Banner proclaims Mack as honoree.



Keynote Speaker Gil McGregor, Charlotte Hornets television color commentator and special assistant to the president.



Mack at podium smiles broadly.



Coca-Cola Bottling Co. marketing manager Don Coleman



Cannon presents Mack with plaque.



Mack, with his mother.



Fran Farrer, The Charlotte Post advertising manager, with Frank Harrison II, owner and CEO of Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Charlotte.

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Olympic Relay Torchbearer Rev. Charles E. Mack, pastor of Progressive Baptist Church in Charlotte, was honored Tuesday with a luncheon at McDonald's Cafeteria by the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Charlotte. Coca-Cola is an Olympic sponsor and Mack was selected to be a Coke representative in the torch relay.

The luncheon included a speech by Gil McGregor, the Charlotte Hornets television color commentator and assistant to the president, and presentations by Charlotte City Council member Patrick Cannon, along with CCBC executives Frank Harrison, the company's owner and CEO, and Don Coleman, marketing manager.

Mack's daughter Charlene led a prayer during the program, which was emceed by The Charlotte Post advertising manager Fran Farrer.

Mack is one of 10,000 torchbearers who are relaying the Olympic torch across the country. The torch is expected to arrive in Charlotte on June 24, the 59th day of the torch's 84-day, 15,000-mile journey across America to Atlanta.

Mack and more than 40 other torchbearers will carry the 3.5-lb. Olympic symbol about one kilometer.

Coca-Cola Company is presenter of the relay. The United Way of the Central Carolinas is providing community support and volunteer services and assisted in the selection of torchbearers.