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Tuesday, February 13, 2018



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Dear Family, Friends, and Supporters,

I filed yesterday Monday, February 12, 2018, for Re-Election to the NC State House of Representatives for a fourth term to represent District 106 in Mecklenburg County.

I thank you for always standing by my side and supporting me. But even more than that, thank you for trusting and believing in me to handle the peoples work at the North Carolina General Assembly.

I am grateful to have been able to serve you in the North Carolina House of Representatives for three terms with your support and encouragement. It has truly been an honor to serve in that capacity.

I know without your support, I would never be able to succeed. We are a resilient people going forward in 2018.

United We Rise!

Thank you,
Carla D. Cunningham



February is observed as Black History Month or National African American History Month, and we use the month to remember the important contributions and achievements of African Americans throughout our nation's history. The celebration can be felt nationally and worldwide as many organizations, cities,

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American history. As a new month of remembrance begins, let’s consider the important reasons why Black History Month is observed each year.

Black History Month is an integral part of our nation’s tradition in which we continue to promote positive examples of poignant historical events, exemplary leaders and steps towards societal change. This remembrance is not only deeply meaningful for the African American community, but imperative for the greater understanding of national and world history.

By reliving and remembering history, we create awareness of the struggles and challenges that African Americans overcame in this country. This proven perseverance will serve as inspiration for the diverse communities of North Carolina and the rest of America. February has become a time designated for reflection, open dialogue, interdisciplinary education, and shared advocacy initiatives. Every race is connected to the rich history of this nation, and by celebrating Black History Month everyone can be included in a tradition of acknowledgement, inclusion and community engagement.

Although we had an African American president, many young people are not aware of the sacrifices and struggles that those before them have made to be where we are today. We can’t take this accomplishment as an end point, however. We should use this opportunity to reach even greater heights. It’s easy to take the rights we have for granted if we don’t remember the determination that earlier generations showed, all of us have the potential to forget them. As the world continues to diversify with groups of many different origins, cultures and creeds, it is as important as ever to celebrate the histories that make up the collective account of our nation. It is important that we reflect and celebrate the monumental contributions and use them as a platform for future growth.



Rep. Micky Michaux - Civil Rights Leader and Durham Politician Retiring

A political fixture in Durham and the General Assembly, N.C. Rep. H.M. "Mickey" Michaux, 87, announced Thursday that he will retire from elected office. The first time Martin Luther King Jr. visited Durham, it was at Michaux's invitation. Michaux was just 26 years old in 1956 and a member of the Durham Business and Professional Chain, an African-American organization. King stayed at Michaux's house then and several more times. King encouraged him to get into politics, but Michaux lost the races he entered in the mid-1960s, while he was making a name for himself in the civil rights movement. After King was assassinated, Michaux said Thursday in a speech at the General Assembly, he told himself he'd never go into politics. Now, after winning 22 elections to represent Durham in the General Assembly,

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run for re-election. "Life has been good to me. Life has given me the honor of serving in this body and serving the state of North Carolina," Michaux said.

Michaux touched on his accomplishments in advancing civil rights in his speech to lawmakers Thursday. "I want you to be very careful what you do when I'm not here," he told them. Michaux said he's proud of Democrats for their support of North Carolina's HBCUs, and he gave Republican Rep. Tim Moore, the Speaker of the House, credit for helping install the first black chairman of the UNC Board of Governors. But Michaux also had some playful digs at Republicans. He joked that while it took them 140 years to learn from Democrats how to win in North Carolina, they learned only how to win -- not how to govern well. "If you give us another 140 years, we'll teach you that too," he said.

Rep. David R. Lewis, R-Harnett, tweeted that Michaux is one of the greatest men he knows. "I value his wisdom and passion. My life and this state are better for his service. I am honored to call him a friend and wish him the very best," Lewis wrote. (Will Doran and Dawn Baumgartner Vaughan, THE NEWS & OBSERVER, 2/08/18)



Honored

Lawmakers took time out on Thursday, February 8, 2018 to honor N.C. A&T University's football team, which won last year's HBCU National Championship. The team visited both the House and Senate Thursday to hear speeches in their honor before legislators voted on a resolution in their honor. "The General Assembly, on behalf of the people of the State of North Carolina, congratulates the Aggies of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University on their undefeated 2017 football season and on their 2017 Celebration Bowl victory," the resolution said. "The General Assembly acknowledges and appreciates the efforts of each and every member of the 2017 football team of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and their Head Coach Rod Broadway." The resolution also recognized A&T's "dedication and commitment to educating students in varied fields of graduate and undergraduate study" and "its successes in creating leaders in science, technology and other areas."

Flu deaths in North Carolina have reached 140, with 34 of those from the most recent week, according to state statistics released Thursday. The total number of deaths so far this season is more than five times the 25 flu-related deaths for a similar period last year. Many hospitals, including those of the newly named Atrium Health (Carolinas HealthCare System) and Novant Health's Presbyterian Medical Center have restricted visits to patients by children under 12.



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A new website and mobile app that tracks reports from doctors has ranked the Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia area as a top flu hot spot, with the metro region ranked behind only the Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington area. A total 218 N.C. residents died from the flu last season, which stretched from October 2016 to May 2017. Most deaths occurred in February, March and April.

UPCOMING EVENTS



TELL THEM WE ARE RISING
A FILM BY STANLEY NELSON
THE STORY OF BLACK COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES
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#HBCURising
HOUSE PARTY SCREENING

Tell Them We Are Rising:
The Story of Black Colleges and Universities

You are invited to attend the #HBCURising House Party hosted by, NCDOT HBCU Outreach Department & NC Department of Natural & Cultural Resources on Monday, February 19, 2018, Reception at 6:00pm, followed by 7:00pm Viewing. For one night, join us, along with other #HBCURising House Party hosts across the country, to celebrate the national broadcast premiere of *Tell Them We Are Rising: The Story of Black Colleges & Universities* directed by award-winning documentarian Stanley Nelson.

Monday, February 19, 2018
6:00pm Reception & 7:00pm Viewing
NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
109 E. Jones Street
Raleigh, NC 27601

I encourage you to follow the film on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) at @HBCURising and learn more about the filmmakers at [HBCURising.com](#).

Be sure to RSVP no later than February 12, and feel free to contact me at 919-707-2815 if you have any questions. We will be watching the national broadcast premiere on PBS' acclaimed *Independent Lens* series promptly at 7pm ET. Early arrival is suggested. Feel free to wear your HBCU attire and/or Greek paraphernalia.

RSVP to ajustin1@ncdot.gov by February 12! Free parking available across the street from the venue.

[hbcuring.com](#) / @hbcuring

LIVE TWITTER CHAT #HBCURising

Join our partner organizations, the filmmakers, celebrities and the nationwide HBCU community for a **LIVE Twitter Chat** during the PBS broadcast.

Use the hashtag **#HBCURising** to celebrate the legacy of HBCUs and rise with us! Follow **@HBCURising**

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North Carolina Legislative Black Caucus *Inaugural Founders' Day*

Reception and Black History
Month Celebration!

Time: 6:30pm

Date: Saturday, February 24, 2018

Location: North Carolina Central University
Michaux Education Building
700 Cecil St., Durham, NC



Currently Serving Honorees

| Representative HM "Mickey" Michaux, Jr.
| Senator Daniel T. Blue, Jr.
| Representative Beverly Earle

Legislative Black Caucus Founders

| Justice Henry Frye
| Representative HM "Mickey" Michaux
| The Honorable Annie Brown-Kennedy
| Senator Daniel T. Blue, Jr.
| The Honorable Milton "Toby" Fitch, Jr.
| The Honorable Ken Spaulding
| The Honorable Frank Ballance
| The Honorable Sydney Locks
| Director Mel Watt

Tickets: (1) for \$30 (2) for \$50 | **Students:** (1) for \$20 (2) for \$30

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