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**Greetings:**

On Wednesday, the assigned 3-panel of judges voted to approve the General Assembly's rendition of redistricting maps for North Carolina with a change to the US congressional districts. Because the NC Supreme Court ordered the General Assembly to provide redrawn maps by Friday, February 18th, all redrawing had pass a fairness test.

Why this matters - It matters because North Carolina deserves a map that is indicative of the district's racial make-up. It is imperative that we be able to feel confident in our democracy, even if it means we have to bring in judges to make those hard rulings to combat unconstitutional decisions.

Joyce Waddell

Redistricting Ruling

A panel of trial judges made additional changes to North Carolina's congressional district map Wednesday, declaring that the latest U.S. House redistricting performed by the General Assembly fails to meet standards of partisan fairness set recently by the state Supreme Court. The three trial judges accepted the recommendations of special masters they appointed to assist them with scrutinizing legislative and congressional boundaries that were approved last week by the Republican-controlled legislature.

Superior Court Judges did uphold the new General Assembly districts, confirming their experts' recommendation that statistics associated with the lines show them to "meet the test of presumptive constitutionality." On the U.S. House map, the judges wrote, "the court concludes that the remedial congressional plan does not satisfy the Supreme Court's standards." The judges unveiled a new congressional map they adopted.

Lawyers for Republican legislative leaders and for the voters and advocacy groups whose lawsuits in the fall led to court intervention filed a flurry of appeals late Wednesday at the state Supreme Court, which denied all of them late Wednesday night. Candidate filing resumes at 8 a.m. Thursday under the new boundaries for the May 17 primary.

Republicans currently hold eight of the state's 13 U.S. House seats, with North Carolina to gain a 14th seat this decade due to population growth. The new court-drawn congressional plan, which state law indicates could be used for the 2022 elections only, makes changes that likely would help Democrats in winning a sixth seat, according to a Duke University politics professor and former congressional aide.

Teacher Shortage

"Public vitriol" against teachers was blamed Thursday as a reason contributing to North Carolina's growing teacher shortage. Over the past two years, some teachers have been accused of politically indoctrinating students and been criticized for things such as supporting school face mask mandates.

The impact of this public criticism was a recurring theme Thursday during the Public School Forum of North Carolina's virtual discussion on the state's school workforce shortage. "The demands of teaching in the pandemic have been tough enough on their own," said a 2021 North Carolina Teacher of the Year finalist. "But then when we

combine that with the targeting of teachers' professional and academic integrity, the creation of controversies out of our curriculum in our highly politicized times has really almost absolutely broken the spirit of many of my colleagues."

Teachers have come under fire in North Carolina and nationally. For instance, the Lt. Governor released a report in August accusing some teachers of "abusing their profession" to indoctrinate students. North Carolina is among the states where Republican lawmakers passed legislation that would put rules on how teachers discuss racism and history and would require posting of teacher lesson plans. The Governor vetoed the legislation in September, saying it pushes "conspiracy-laden politics." Some local school boards have passed policies that they say are designed to prevent Critical Race Theory from being taught.

What a shame we are railing against the very profession that helps to train and teach our state's youth. Teaching children of varying learning styles is hard enough for the most experienced of teachers. To put them under this kind of microscope and micromanagement is some of the reasons we are dealing with shortages throughout North Carolina.

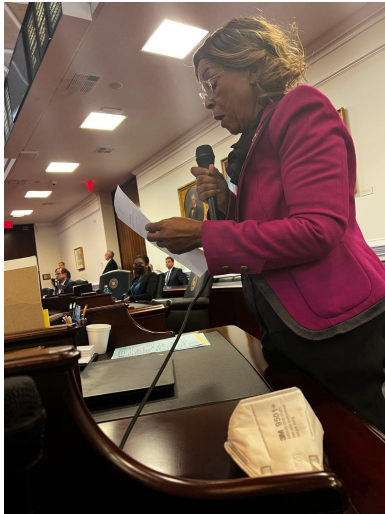


Senator Waddell, Governor Cooper, and the Mecklenburg Delegation for the electric Vehicle charging station visit.

Senator Waddell joins Governor Cooper for the unveiling of an electric vehicle (“EV”) charging station in Charlotte. The EV charging station is a collaboration between the Energy Production and Infrastructure Center (“EPIC”) at UNC Charlotte, Duke Energy, and the City of Charlotte.

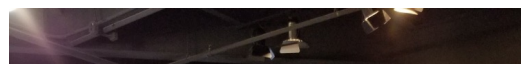
Black History Month Celebration

Senator Waddell reads a Senatorial Statement commemorating the recognition of Black History Month on the Senate floor during session.



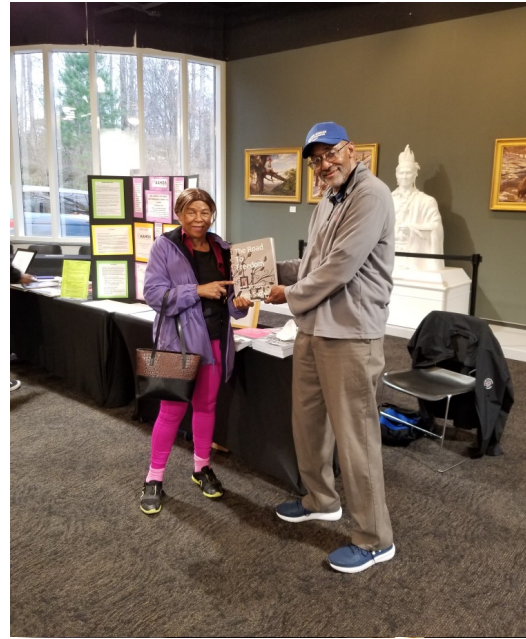
Sen Waddell receives NCNW Award

Senator Waddell receives recognition for life legacy certificate from the North Carolina Negro Women.



Museum Visit

Senator Waddell talks with an author who has written multiple books and she discusses the importance of the contributions of African Americans at the Museum of History in Charlotte.



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Please go to the board of elections website to determine your voting precincts. Many changes have been made as a result of the redrawing of the maps.

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