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**Greetings:**

At the General Assembly  
***For the Week***

The General Assembly remained on an additional break, however, I continued to participate in activities throughout District 40.

*Joyce Waddell*

**Bills Signed**

Last Monday, the Governor signed the following bills into law:

- Senate Bill 722: Child Care Flexibilities.
- House Bill 203: DST Technical Corrections.-AB
- House Bill 181: Unclaimed Property Division Changes.-AB
- House Bill 628: Amend On-Site Wastewater/Environment Statutes.
- House Bill 782: Movie Sets/Radon/Licensee Experience.
- House Bill 814: Emergency Management Mods.
- House Bill 173: Treasury Administrative Changes Act.-AB
- House Bill 387: Medal of Valor Award for First Responders.
- House Bill 484: Mental Health Confidential Info. Disclosure.
- House Bill 674: Child Advocacy Centers/Share Information.
- Senate Bill 91: Amend Rule 4/Acceptance of Service.



*Senator Waddell is pictured with Berlinda Tolbert who played Jennie on the TV sitcom The Jefferson's.*

**Second  
Ward  
Centennial  
Celebration**

*Senator Waddell participates in a day of Recognition (Tiger Day) marking the commemoration of the 100th year celebration held for the upcoming Second Ward's Centennial Celebration.*



## Paid Leave

Proposed new state rules lay out how teachers and other North Carolina public school employees can take up to two months of paid parental leave after having a baby.

The state's new law limiting abortions also included a paid parental leave option for state employees, including those who work in public schools, the UNC System and community colleges. State lawmakers provided \$10 million to help cover the cost of hiring substitute teachers. The State Board of Education reviewed draft rules on Thursday that would put the new law, which went effect July 1, into practice.

School districts have been pressing for information on how to apply the law. The state board will vote on the rules and changes to state policies in August.

I believe this new law is a good way to provide new families the flexibility to be home longer to bond as a family.

## HBCU Enrollment

The U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on affirmative action is starting conversations at Historically Black Colleges & Universities across the country. Supreme Court justices set new limits on affirmative action, striking down the current race-conscious admissions policies in place at the University of North Carolina and Harvard University.

At least 50% of Black teachers in this country are educated at HBCUs. Many universities anticipates enrollment increases following the affirmative action ruling.

I am disappointed in this new ruling. For years affirmative action has helped marginalized students get into colleges that they would not have because of their race. I believe we should be able to attend the college of our choice.

## Celebrating Liberia's Independence

Senator Waddell participates in a celebration commemorating the 176th year of Liberia's Independence sponsored by the Liberian Community Association of Greater Charlotte.



## Vaccinations

Did you know COVID is still infectious? Did you know that while COVID is decreasing, it is still infecting vulnerable populations.

We can get rid of COVID, but we still need to continue all of the safety measures to keep the infection down. Continue washing your hands, getting vaccinated, and boosters.



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