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### Greetings:

*The General Assembly met last week to vote on 5 bills.*

SB 214 Various Local Boundaries  
SB 249 Realign Congressional Districts 2025  
SB 449 Continuing Budget Operations Part IV  
SB 777 General Assembly Appointments  
SJR 778 Amend Adjournment Resolution

*We are still awaiting a balanced budget to vote on for critical resource allocation for North Carolinians.*

*Joyce Waddell*

### 29th Annual Mad Hattitude Event

Senator Waddell participates at an annual event sponsored by Congresswoman Alma Adams.



*Senator Waddell participates in the Hat Contest.*



*Senator Waddell is pictured with other members of the Mecklenburg Delegation.*

### Redistricting

Last week, the General Assembly passed SB 249, a new redistricting map that will shape North Carolina's representation for years to come. Redrawing the lines is not simply a technical exercise. It has real impact on how communities are heard, how resources are allocated, and how trusted our electoral system remains.



*Senator Waddell speaks on the Senate floor against this bill.*

At its best, redistricting is a civic tune-up—an opportunity to align representation with where people live, work, and raise their families. At its worst, it becomes an exercise in raw power, where one party uses sophisticated software to lock in advantage and lock out voters. That practice flips the promise of democracy on its head: in a healthy system, voters choose their representatives; under gerrymandering, representatives choose their voters. While we know it is necessary, redistricting can be abused—that abuse is called gerrymandering. Gerrymandering dilutes the weight of our votes, fuels polarization and gridlock. erodes trust. and can diminish the ability of historically