

# NORTH CAROLINA'S AFRICAN AMERICAN LEADERS AGREE:

## BEV PERDUE IS A FRIEND OF OUR COMMUNITY AND THE BEST CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

Dear Friend,

As you may know, Richard Moore recently questioned Bev Perdue's commitment to civil rights. It's an attack that is inaccurate, disrespectful, and a shameful attempt to inject race into the campaign.

The fact is, Bev Perdue has built a stellar record on civil rights during her tenure in the state legislature and as North Carolina's first woman Lieutenant Governor. She is a friend to us and a friend to the African American community in North Carolina. Just a few of her key votes in favor of civil rights include:

- The 1987 Civil Rights Act which prohibited any person from interfering with another person's civil rights.
- A 1991 bill to strengthen the state's Equal Opportunity Program to open employment opportunities to everyone regardless of race, sex or religion.
- In 1993 Bev Perdue voted to make it illegal to teach hate crimes in North Carolina.
- In 1999 she voted to make law enforcement officers keep statistics on traffic stops in order to combat racial profiling – legislation filed in response to allegations of racial profiling that occurred during Richard Moore's tenure as Secretary of Crime Control.
- Richard Moore is attempting to play racial politics and grossly distort Bev's record. Upon hearing that he may try to use this vote and bring racial politics into the Governor's campaign, Bev personally came to each of us to explain that this vote does not represent her views on the issue, either at the time, or currently, and that an error must have occurred to result in her vote being cast or recorded in this manner. Bev Perdue's long record of standing up for civil rights makes it clear that this explanation can be trusted.

In fact, one need look no further than Bev's votes during the same legislative session in question to see her leadership on these issues. Bev voted in favor of H39, establishing the observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day in North Carolina to match the federally recognized date. She also voted in favor of H226 which at the time was the strongest Civil Rights Act in our state's history. Bev continues to show such leadership today, as she is the *only* candidate for Governor who has called for compensation for the victims of North Carolina's atrocious forced sterilization program that impacted thousands of African-American women from 1929 until 1974.

Richard Moore's false attacks are no better than the Jesse Helm's racial campaigns of the 1980s and 1990s – he should know that there is no place for racial politics in 2008.

If you are looking for a candidate for governor who is a strong supporter of civil rights for all North Carolinians and someone who has real plans to create jobs, improve our schools, and make health care affordable, then look no further than Bev Perdue.

We support Bev because she is the right candidate for North Carolina, and we ask you to join us not only in supporting Bev, but in rejecting the politics of racial warfare.

Sincerely,



Former Charlotte Mayor  
Harvey B. Gantt



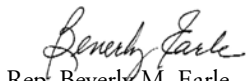
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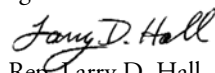
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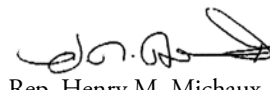
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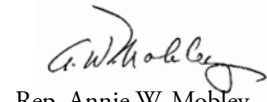
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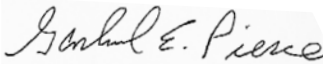
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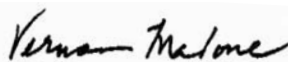
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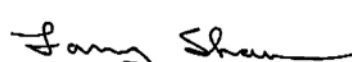
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