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SENATOR ELLIE KINNAIRD SEEKS RE-ELECTION

State Senator Ellie Kinnaird announced today she will be seeking re-election. Senator Kinnaird is a six term Senator who represents the 23rd District of the State Senate. "After much encouragement from many supporters and careful deliberation, I have decided to run again. It has been an honor to represent Orange and Person Counties and I look forward to continuing in that role."

"By pursuing my constituents' values and principles, I have been able to accomplish a great deal over the years. In this last session we accomplished a lot" said Kinnaird. As Co-Chair of Justice and Public Safety, Senator Kinnaird was able to direct the third largest part of the state budget, and enhanced the prevention and intervention programs for juveniles and families instead of building more prisons. Her bill to provide services for victims of human trafficking is leading the way in the United States. The session passed legislation supporting the working poor through the Earned Income Credit to provide additional help beyond raising of the minimum wage last term. The legislature also expanded Children's Health Insurance and child care subsidies. There was strong support for education from pre-kindergarten through community colleges and the research universities. Senator Kinnaird helped pass the early voting same day registration, public financing of campaigns in Chapel Hill and a first town with instant-runoff voting. She has been a leader in election reform including her past work to require a paper ballot for every vote cast.

"In my leadership role on the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources committee, I'm hoping to help find a solution to the Person County landfill problem and also to increase state funds for land preservation." Together with Representatives in our local delegation, Senator Kinnaird has been working on improving health care security for North Carolinians. "I will continue to work to assure everyone has access to affordable health insurance" Senator Kinnaird said. "I also want to focus our economic development efforts on putting people to work in well paid jobs, especially in more needy areas like Person County." Her unfinished work also includes a bill to ban the execution of the mentally ill.

"I am proud of my work in the Legislature and want to continue the progress we have made this term," said Senator Kinnaird.

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