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North Carolina House Majority Leader Hugh Holliman Receives Highest Honor from American Cancer Society

RALEIGH, NC - North Carolina House Majority Leader Hugh Holliman received the National Distinguished Advocacy Award from the American Cancer Society last Tuesday, September 22nd in Washington D.C. Holliman received the award, the American Cancer Society's highest honor, for his steadfast commitment to providing a smoke-free workplace.

The annual award is given to select lawmakers who demonstrate "solid, consistent leadership in the area of cancer-related public policy advocacy."

Rep. Holliman was the primary Sponsor of House Bill 2, to "Prohibit Smoking in Certain Public Places," which outlaws smoking in most bars and restaurants in North Carolina. The bill, signed by the Governor in May, goes into effect January 2, 2010.

"House Bill 2 will save lives and create a healthy atmosphere for workers and customers in restaurants and bars across North Carolina," said Rep. Holliman. "It is truly an honor to have received this award and to work to protect the health of all North Carolinains."

Rep. Hugh Holliman is in his 5th term in the North Carolina House. He represents a portion of Davidson County, including the city of Lexington where he resides with his wife Ellen and is the owner of a small business.

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