



North Carolina House Democrats *News Release*



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14 HOUSE DEMOCRATS RECEIVE DEMOCRACY NC'S SUNSHINE AWARD FOR EXEMPLARY DISCLOSURE FILINGS

The watchdog group Democracy North Carolina awarded 14 House Democrats "Sunshine Awards" two weeks ago for filing "superior" reports disclosing details about their campaign expenses and contributions.

Winners represent all parts of the state and include Speaker Hackney, Majority Leader Hugh Holliman, and first-term freshman legislator Sandra Hughes. See below for the complete list.

"Our staff and interns evaluated the reports of all 170 legislators elected in 2008 and found these 32 went well beyond the minimum of the law to give the public valuable information about where they get their campaign money and how it's spent," said Bob Hall, executive director.

Award winners had to meet three criteria: (1) filed their six reports in 2007-2008 on time and in an accessible format, (2) listed the purpose of 99% of their expense items over \$50 and (3) provided economic interest or employer information for 99% of the dozens of individuals who gave more than \$50 to their campaign.

These awards come on the heels of the leadership House Democrats have shown in making efforts to increase the transparency and ethical standards of state government.

The list of Democratic initiatives included Speaker Joe Hackney's promotion of increased ethics and campaign finance training for Democratic House members and his leadership for new ethics and public campaign financing legislation.

Full List of Democratic House Members who received Sunshine Awards:

Lucy T. Allen (Franklin, Halifax, Nash)
Alice L. Bordsen (Alamance)
Tricia Ann Cotham (Mecklenburg)
Margaret Dickson (Cumberland)
Rick Glazier (Cumberland)
Joe Hackney (Chatham, Moore, Orange)
Larry D. Hall (Durham)
Hugh Holliman (Davidson)
Sandra Spaulding Hughes (New Hanover, Pender)
Grier Martin (Wake)
Deborah K. Ross (Wake)
Alice Graham Underhill (Craven, Pamlico)
William L. Wainwright (Craven, Lenoir)
Jennifer Weiss (Wake)

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