

Press Release

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Billy Richardson for NC Senate Holds a Real "Fun-raiser"

Fayetteville, NC: A huge fundraising and campaign kick-off event was held in honor of Fayetteville attorney Billy Richardson, candidate for NC Senate, District 19 on Monday evening, June 9, 2014.



Nearly 300 people, including special honored guest, former governor Jim Hunt, and hosted by Minority Leader Senator Dan Blue and former Senator Tony Rand, attended a summertime gala that could be called as much "fun-raiser" as fundraiser.

The crowd enjoyed a real Southern garden party, including live music, homemade lemonade, great food, and lively conversation with many local notables.



The highlight of the evening, though, was the fiery and inspirational remarks by Governor Hunt, who reminded everyone that Billy was the sponsor of his Smart Start bill, how Billy fought to increase teacher pay, bringing it to 25th in the nation, how he brought North Carolina's only VA Nursing Home to Cumberland County, and how he fought tirelessly to protect the Cape Fear River and clean, abundant, safe water.

Former state Senator Margaret Dickson emceed the event, introducing Senator Dan Blue, who spoke fondly of his old seat mate Billy, and former Senator Tony Rand, who spoke of the importance of putting North Carolina back on the right track.



Billy Richardson then delivered a rousing address, pointing out the irony of the ingredients of Coca-Cola's famously secret formula being printed on every can, compared to the hypocrisy of our General Assembly's recent actions to keep fracking toxins, which threaten our drinking and agricultural water, a secret protected under pain of criminal prosecution.

He talked about the importance of faith and family, the need for common sense solutions and bi-partisan compromise, and he welcomed all ideas to the table, Republican or Democrat.

Billy's philosophy mirrors President John F. Kennedy's famous quote, "Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer, but the right answer."



The large crowd of supporters remained after Billy's remarks to enjoy Dr. and Mrs. Dickson Shaeffer's gracious home and garden, the music of Cool Heat, the food of Sherefe, and the lovely June weather.