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Dalton Talks about Experience, Wilmington-Area Accomplishments in Debate

WILMINGTON- Senator Walter Dalton, Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor, emphasized his experience in tackling North Carolina's major issues during a candidates' debate yesterday. It was held at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington and sponsored by the North Carolina Federation of College Democrats.

"I have a record of getting things done and can point to real results for North Carolina," Dalton said. "While other candidates can only talk about what they want to do once in office, I already have a strong record of working with people to move North Carolina forward."

In the Senate, Dalton helped pass Learn and Earn, which allows students to attend a high school located on a college campus, and in no more than five years, students can earn a high school diploma and finish with two years of college credit or earn an associate's degree, at no cost. To strengthen our state's economy, Dalton has led the charge to invest in critical economic-growth initiatives to help attract new jobs and employers and to help existing businesses grow and prosper.

"I have always enjoyed visiting Wilmington and New Hanover County," Dalton said. "This is a truly great and historic part of the state and has been an economic engine for North Carolina. I was proud to work with Senator [Julia] Boseman on projects that have greatly benefited Eastern North Carolina."

Sen. Dalton has been intricately involved in major projects in the Wilmington area, including helping to strengthen and attract the film industry in and around New Hanover County. As Co-Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, he budgeted \$27 million for UNC-W's nursing school, helping to improve the nursing shortage North Carolina faces. Sen. Dalton was also instrumental in appropriating \$9 million for capital needs at the Morehead City and Wilmington ports.

"For over eleven years in the state Senate, I have delivered on my promises – to work every day for the people of this state, to make sure that North Carolina remains a wonderful place to live and work and raise a family, and to ensure that our brightest days

are ahead of us,” Dalton said. “I look forward to continuing doing that as Lieutenant Governor.”

For more information about Senator Dalton and his campaign, please visit www.WalterDalton.org.

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