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## Dalton Endorsed by the *Wilmington Journal*

**WILMINGTON:** The *Wilmington Journal*, one of the North Carolina's leading African-American newspapers, endorsed Walter Dalton in the Democratic primary for Lieutenant Governor. A copy of the full endorsement can be found below.

"With all of the excitement surrounding the presidential and gubernatorial primaries, few people are paying attention to many of the other important races that will be on the ballot. That's a mistake, for these contests are just as important.

"Such is the case in the race for Lt. Governor, and our choice is state Senator Walter Dalton, Democrat from Rutherford County.

"The six-term senator is co-chairman of the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee. Dalton has won the endorsement of former state Auditor Ralph Campbell Jr., former Congresswoman Eva Clayton, and every state Senate member of the NC Legislative Black Caucus. In all, over 25 African-American elected officials are backing Sen. Walter Dalton for Lieutenant Governor.

"Dalton is ranked the sixth most effective senator in the state Senate by NC Center for Public Policy Research.

"Dalton grew up in Rutherfordton. His father, state Sen. Charles Dalton, died when Walter was just eight. That motivated the young man to get his education and law degree at UNC-Chapel Hill, becoming a successful attorney, and 12 years ago, win his father's seat in the state Senate. The past few years, he has been a chief budget writer and leader in educational reform.

**"This newspaper joins with many other black lawmakers in endorsing Sen. Walter Dalton for Lt. Governor."**

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