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Cumberland County Commissioner Breeden Blackwell earns MH Brock Memorial Award

Commissioner Breeden Blackwell was honored Thursday evening at the Mid Carolina Council of Governments annual dinner in Dunn. Dan Andrews, Chairman of the Mid-Carolina Council of Governments and a Harnett County Commissioner presented Blackwell with the award.

The MH "Jack" Brock Memorial Award is presented annually to an outstanding elected county official from Cumberland, Harnett or Sampson County. Mr. Brock was a leader and founder of the Mid-Carolina Council of Governments. (Cumberland County is in Region M along with Harnett and Sampson counties.)

This is not the first time this year that Blackwell has been honored; earlier this summer he received the Order of the Longleaf Pine from Governor Mike Easley.

Along with his duties as County Commissioner, he serves on the County Policy Committee and chairs the County Facilities Committee. He also serves as the commissioner liaison to the Senior Citizens Advisory Board, Library Board, Fayetteville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, City-County Liaison Committee and the Airborne and Special Operations Committee. He was recently appointed to the Board of Trustees of UNC Pembroke.

Blackwell has also served on the Fayetteville City Council, including three terms as mayor pro tem, from 1992 to 1997. He was first elected to the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners in 1998 and was re-elected in 2002. He served as Chairman of the Board in 2002.

He is currently the First Vice President of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) and in August of 2004 will become president.

Blackwell is the son of the late Bob and Jessie Blackwell of Bennettsville.