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Council Receives Outstanding County Commissioner Award

FAYETTEVILLE – The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) presented Cumberland County Commissioner Jeannette Council with the 2016 M.H. “Jack” Brock Outstanding County Commissioner Award during the association’s annual conference on Aug. 13 in Forsyth County.

The award is presented annually to a commissioner who has demonstrated special achievement and efforts, primarily over the past year, on behalf of county government throughout the state or region, not just within his or her county. Council was honored along with Wilkes County Commissioner Gary Blevins. The two commissioners served as co-chairs for the association’s 2015-2016 Legislative Goals Committee, which is appointed every two years by the NCACC president.

The association conducts a legislative goal-setting process every two years, in the months leading up to the long session of the General Assembly. The official goals are presented to each member of the N.C. General Assembly, the governor and the other executive branch leaders.

“This was a collaborative process that started in September 2014 with each county’s board of commissioners having a chance to submit their recommended legislative goals. The Legislative Goals Committee, the NCACC board and staff worked tirelessly to develop the final package from more than 400 goals that were submitted,” Council said.

“It was an intense process that required the work of everyone,” Council said. “I am honored to receive this award and share it with the committee, NCACC staff, my board and family. We can’t do it alone. It takes everyone working together.”

Council was appointed to the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners in 2000 and was elected as a District 1 representative in 2002. She has been re-elected every four years since. Her current term expires in 2018. She has served the board’s vice chairman and chairman three times.

Council is a former president of the Women of NACo (National Association of Counties) Network. She was elected to the N. C. Association of County Commissioners' Board of Directors, served as District 6 director 2010-2016 and was elected in 2012 and 2013 to serve a one-year term as an at-large director.

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