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DR. GARRITY-BLAKE FILES FOR ELECTION TO STATE HOUSE

GLOUCESTER – Dr. Barbara Garrity-Blake of Gloucester filed today for election to the N.C. House of Representatives and pledged to be an effective leader for North Carolina citizens.

“I led the effort to improve the public’s access to North Carolina coastal waters, which resulted in a statewide initiative to protect piers, boat ramps, mom and pop marinas, and fish houses,” Garrity-Blake said. “I will broaden these efforts and fight for better job opportunities, affordable health care, and quality education.”

“Too many families in eastern North Carolina still struggle to make ends meet. Families who have tilled the land or worked on our waters face diminished opportunities while the cost of living only increases. Many of our children must leave eastern North Carolina to find good-paying jobs. My top priority is to create new, quality jobs in our area and strengthen support of our existing industries. We need affordable housing, and ways to keep people from getting priced out of their communities.”

“Many of our citizens cannot afford necessary medical care, dental care, and medicine. We have growing numbers of people struggling with mental health issues while services decline. Our citizens deserve access to the best of health care no matter what their income.”

“I believe in quality schools with low class sizes. We must protect our low student-teacher ratios as the coastal population grows. And we must seek resources to expand our science and math programs so that students can compete and prosper in today’s high-tech world.”

“We stand at a critical crossroads. We must move beyond our differences and take action now to build a better tomorrow, one that reflects the diversity of our interests and provides a good quality of life for all. With our citizens and members of the state House, I will work toward this goal as we move further into the 21st century.”

Garrity-Blake is seeking a two-year term in the state House, representing the 13th District. The district includes Carteret and Jones counties. Garrity-Blake lives in Gloucester and is married to Bryan Blake. They have three children and two grandchildren.

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