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REP. EARLINE PARMON PARTICIPATES IN EUGENICS DISCUSSION WITH AUTHOR EDWIN BLACK

International Eugenics Discussion with Author Edwin Black set for Wednesday at the Legislative Auditorium

RALEIGH, NC _ Representative Earline Parmon is joining Campbell Law School in hosting an International Eugenics Discussion with author Edwin Black.

The event is scheduled for noon Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at the North Carolina General Assembly, State Legislative Building Legislative Auditorium, 3rd Floor, 16 W. Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27603. Black, an outspoken scholar on the topics of eugenics and the Holocaust will present a discussion of North Carolina and global eugenics issues.

Parmon serves Forsyth County District 72 and is currently running for NC Senate District 32. She has led the fight along with her colleague Representative Larry Womble to right the wrongs caused by North Carolina's forced sterilization program between 1929 and 1974.

Governor Bev Perdue created the Sterilization Victims Foundation and the Eugenics Task Force to help identify victims of the former N. C. Eugenics Board Program and develop recommendations for appropriate compensation. In January, the Task Force recommended a tax-free lump sum payment of \$50,000 to living victims and those who were alive when initially verified by the Foundation. House Speaker Thom Tillis has appointed a Eugenics Work Group that is scheduled to begin discussions on Thursday, April 26th.

Parmon is serving her fifth term in the North Carolina House of Representatives. She is persistent in her fight for equality of all people. It was in her first term in office that she cosponsored the successful bill along with fellow Forsyth County legislator Larry Womble that repealed the state's controversial sterilization law and she fought vigorously for a death penalty moratorium. During the 2007 Legislative Session, she and Womble sponsored and championed the enactment of House Joint Resolution 1311 expressing the General Assembly's profound regret for the institution and lasting effects of slavery. In addition to her leadership on a number of education committees both nationally and state-wide, Parmon continues to champion the cause of those who are disenfranchised and have experienced the injustice of our society. She serves on the Appropriations; Education; Ethics; Government; Redistricting; Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House; and Joint Legislative Elections Oversight committees. She was appointed to the House Select Committees on Education Reform and Racial Discrimination in Capital Cases. She is a member of the Piedmont Triad Legislative Delegation, the North Carolina House Democratic Women's Caucus and the North Carolina Legislative Black Caucus.

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