



NC House District 55 Representative  
**MARK BRODY**

**NEWSLETTER**

**Raleigh News**

January and February were busy and exciting months for Rep. Brody. On January 14, 2015 the House convened for its inauguration of House Members and the start of North Carolina's 152<sup>nd</sup> legislative session. At that time, a new Speaker of the House was elected, Representative Tim Moore of Cleveland County.

**2015 House Republican Caucus**



Soon after the inauguration, Speaker Moore appointed Rep. Brody to take a leading role in the following committees:

- Agriculture Committee= Chairman
- Community Colleges= Chairman
- Appropriations, General Governemnt= Vice-Chair

- Rep. Brody is also a member of these committees:
- Commerce & Job Development
  - Education- Universities
  - Regulatory Reform
  - Elections

**Rep. Brody Chairing Community College Committee**



Rep. Brody was ready to get to work and filed his first bill of the 2015 legislative session one week after convening (pictured below). This bill, HB 47, entitled YOUTH CAREER CONNECT will allow Anson County Public Schools to do a pilot program to allow High School students to take college level courses at a community college using a grant they received from the federal government. The bill passed unanimously in Community College Committee and now makes its way to Appropriations Committee.

**Rep. Brody filing HB 47, Youth Career Connect Bill**



Aside from committee meetings and events, Rep. Brody spends much of his time meeting with groups and organizations to discuss issues that will be addressed in this session. Whether Rep. Brody is in favor or opposed to what is being discussed, he is always willing to sit down and listen.

**Rep. Brody Meeting with Young Invincibles**



Rep. Brody met with a group called the Young Invincibles to discuss higher education concerns and appreciations.

#### **Rep. Brody Meeting with Homeschool Group**



Rep. Brody was pleased to meet with a group of homeschoolers on Homeschool Day at the Legislature.

Some of the other meetings Rep. Brody had was a meeting with Transportation Secretary Tata to discuss rural transportation in Anson and Union County, a Regulatory Reform meeting with the John Locke Foundation, and met with the NC Farm Bureau at their Legislative Reception.

#### **HB 3, Eminent Domain PASSED the House**

The House passed its first bipartisan effort to protect private citizens of North Carolina. The Eminent Domain Bill - HB 3 gives property owners piece of mind by further restricting the government's ability to seize property using Eminent Domain, and by establishing a more accountable process to achieve just compensation for property. HB 3 now moves to consideration in the Senate. If it passes in the Senate, the bill will go to referendum on the May 2016 ballot - granting the people of North Carolina the final decision.

#### **HB 117, NC Competes Act PASSED the House**

The House passed the NC Competes Act that gives North Carolina the economic development tools needed to entice outside businesses to come here, and encourage in-state businesses to expand and create jobs. The Job GRO program is performance-based, accountable and effective. No money is disbursed to a company until the Secretary of Revenue certifies the amount of state withholdings from the newly created jobs. Job GRO commitments are being extended to 2020 - giving companies more certainty that North Carolina is, and will stay, a pro-business state. More help for our most economically distressed communities: HB 117 has built-in support for Tier 1 and Tier 2 Counties, regardless of where a major project chooses to locate. HB 117 now moves to the Senate.

## **District News**

#### **Anson County**

Rep. Brody tried to attend as many events in Anson County as possible when home in the district. He enjoyed attending the Toys for Tots Gratitude Banquet, Wadesboro Rotary Club meeting, Lilesville Fire Department Breakfast, Anson Partnership for Children Barn Blast, and meeting with constituents.

#### **Anson Partnership for Children, Barn Blast**



#### **Union County**

Rep. Brody was honored to attend a number of events in Union County such as the Union County Crimestoppers BBQ, the Community Care Partners Dialogue about Medicaid Reform, and the Grand Opening of the International Terminal US Customs at the Charlotte-Monroe Executive Airport. He also was honored to attend the Union County Commissioners meeting for the presentation of The Order of the Long Leaf Pine to Fire Marshall Neal Spear in honor of his upcoming retirement.

#### **Rep. Brody a Grandpa Again!**



Rep. Brody is pleased to announce the birth of his grandson, Wyatt James Puer, on February 1<sup>st</sup> from his eldest daughter, Nicole, and her husband, Jayme.

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