

Speaker of the House of the North Carolina General Assembly  
The Honorable Joe Hackney  
The Republican Party of North Carolina  
The Republican Party of Brunswick County

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing to notify you that I am tendering my official notice of intent to resign. The date of my official resignation is June 15, 2009. This has been a very difficult decision to reach and one that I have truly struggled with. A variety of factors have led me to reach this conclusion.

The opportunity to serve in the North Carolina House of Representatives and represent the citizens of Brunswick County has been a privilege and an honor. My opportunity to serve would not have been possible without the support of my wife, Julie and our four children, my law partner, Jason Disbrow and our staff.

Constraints on my time and the obligations I have in my personal and professional life have caused me to reflect, review and examine the priorities currently in my life. I started the journey seeking the Lord's guidance and I have sought the same in reaching this decision. Family must come first and it is clear to me that I must be more available and involved at home especially with our two sons ages twelve and fifteen. Both are very involved in school, sports programs, church and other extracurricular activities and I do not want to miss any more opportunities than I already have with them and their older sisters. The old adage of "they grow up so fast" has never been clearer to me than now. I haven't even been able to attend a summer vacation with my family for the last six years as the General Assembly obligation consumes all of the vacation time the kids have outside of school.

My law career also demands that I fully reinvest my time and energy. With the economy in its current condition we are very fortunate to still have a thriving business and caseload, but being in Raleigh creates an additional amount of responsibility on my law partner. Jason has done an exceptional job and without his expertise and sacrifice, I would not have been able to be working two jobs these last seven years. I want to also publicly acknowledge my appreciation to the Judges both in District Court and Superior Court as well as the District Attorney's Office in working with me and my schedule.

After a major decision in life has been made such as this, there is a great sense of relief because of the struggle that existed in reaching such conclusions. But this decision is one made with much thought and prayer and squarely lands on solid principles of family and career coming first. Public service is a privilege and honorable thing to put your life and energy into and I thank the citizens of Brunswick County for entrusting and allowing me this great privilege.

Respectfully,



Bonner L. Stiller