

The following resolution will be considered by the DNC Resolutions Committee at its meeting on February 24, 2011, in conjunction with the meetings of the Democratic National Committee, February 24-26, 2011.

Submitted by: David Parker, Chair, North Carolina
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Resolution Commemorating the Life and Career of Elizabeth Anania Edwards

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Anania Edwards was born in 1949 in Jacksonville, Florida; and

WHEREAS, she grew up in a number of different places, including Japan, where her father Vincent, a US Navy pilot, was stationed; and

WHEREAS; she received a bachelor's in English and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

WHEREAS, after law school, she clerked for a US District Court Judge in Norfolk, Virginia and practiced law in Nashville, Tennessee prior to moving to Raleigh, North Carolina in 1981; and

WHEREAS, she was a skilled lawyer while practicing in North Carolina, both at the State Attorney General's Office and in private practice; and

WHEREAS, she was a community leader and volunteer in Raleigh in a number of areas including the schools attended by her children and numerous charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, she and her husband John had four children: Cate, Wade, Emma Claire and Jack; and

WHEREAS, after the death of Wade in 1996, she devoted much of her time to the Wade Edwards Foundation, a nonprofit to reward, encourage and inspire young people in their educational pursuits, especially by providing access to information technology; and

WHEREAS, she was a valued advisor and advocate for her husband John during his public life as a US Senator from North Carolina and as a candidate for President and Vice President; and

WHEREAS, she was an effective advocate for the Democratic Party and its candidates; and

WHEREAS, her public battle with cancer and her books sharing stories about how she and others overcame adversity inspired millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS, her legacy is described by some of her final words when she said, "In the simple act of living with hope, and in the daily effort to have a positive impact in the world, the days I do have are made all the more meaningful and precious. And for that, I am grateful."; and

WHEREAS on December 7, 2010, she passed away at her home in Chapel Hill after a courageous six-year battle with cancer;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the DNC honor her life and extend its condolences to her family.

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Resolution in Honor of Ralph Campbell, Jr.

WHEREAS, Ralph Campbell, Jr. was born December 7, 1946 at St. Agnes hospital on the campus of St. Augustine's College to June and Ralph Campbell Sr. who were prominent civil rights leaders in the state of North Carolina; his father was president of the Raleigh NAACP Chapter, and Campbell's mother, June, made history in June 1960 when she walked Ralph's youngest brother, second-grader William, into the all-white Murphey School, integrating the city's school system; and

WHEREAS, in 1968 Campbell graduated from St. Augustine College with a degree in Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Campbell joined the US Army Reserves, serving until 1977; and

WHEREAS, in 1977 Ralph Campbell, Jr. began his distinguished career as an auditor with the NC Dept. of Revenue, working there until 1986; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Campbell, Jr. was elected to the Raleigh City Council and served the citizens of Raleigh from 1985-1992; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Campbell, Jr. served as the Mayor Pro Tempore of the City of Raleigh from 1989-1991; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Campbell, Jr. served the people of Raleigh with distinction and worked on many public improvements including the renovation of the historic Murphey School into affordable housing for seniors; and

WHEREAS, in 1992 Ralph Campbell, Jr. was elected State Auditor and became the first African American in North Carolina History to win a statewide election to a position on the Council of State; and

WHEREAS, Campbell served the people of North Carolina as State Auditor with honor, distinction and integrity from 1992-2004 and was hailed by his colleagues across the nation as one of the best to have ever served; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as State Auditor, Campbell substantially upgraded the technology in the State Auditor's office and completed over 3600 audits of state government agencies; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Campbell called upon the North Carolina Democratic Party to expand the opportunities for African Americans, women and younger Democrats to fully participate in the Party at all levels; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Campbell, Jr. served as Treasurer of the North Carolina Democratic Party from 2005-2007 during a period of unprecedented growth and prosperity for the Party; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Campbell, Jr. departed this world on January 11, 2011 after an extensive illness; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Campbell, Jr. through his lifetime of service and devotion to the African American community, the Democratic Party and the people of North Carolina, leaves behind a legacy of honesty and integrity;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party mourns the passing of Ralph Campbell, Jr., a leader and role model who never wavered in his duty to the people of North Carolina and our nation.