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**NC Women United Unveils 2007 Legislative Report Card During
Women's History Month**

Report Card Indicates that Much Progress Has Been Made, More Work To Be Done

Raleigh-- North Carolina Women United today released the results of their 2007 Legislative Report Card. In an effort to promote progressive public policy, NC Women United, a coalition of organizations and individuals working to achieve the full political, social, and economic equality of all women across North Carolina, has evaluated the progress of the 2007 General Assembly. Of the 28 bills that NCWU supported, 10 passed, 8 failed, and 6 are eligible for the 2008 Legislative Session.**

"I'm proud to say that women have come a long way in North Carolina," said Rep. Deborah Ross (D-Wake). "But we still have more work to do to ensure that all women across the state have the resources they need to fully participate in the political process and achieve full recognition of their integral value to our economy and workforce."

Representative Ross spoke alongside several other N.C. General Assembly members, including Representatives Susan Fisher (D-Buncombe), Jennifer Weiss (D-Wake), Marian McLawhorn (D-Pitt), and Jean Farmer-Butterfield (D-Wilson).

The Report Card release coincided with Women's History Month and NC Women United's Twentieth Anniversary as an organization working to improve the lives of North Carolina women.

"Over the last twenty years, the roles women play in our society have changed dramatically," noted Veronica Butcher, President of NC Women United. "But one thing that hasn't changed is that we are still the primary caregivers of children and our parents. Our North Carolina leaders must shift public policies so our state can adapt to the changing face of the workforce and help working women -and their families- juggle the competing needs of work and family."

NC Women United (NCWU) is a coalition of progressive organizations and individuals working to achieve the full political, social, and economic equality of all women across North Carolina. NCWU works to build women's power through grassroots activism, community organizing, legislative advocacy, and engagement in the political process.

**The discrepancy in the total number of bills supported originally by NCWU and the total number of bills evaluated in the report card (particularly those pending) is due to the fact that some bills were appropriations, with separate House and Senate versions.

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