

North Carolina Race Could Shift Senate

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RALEIGH, N.C. – U.S. Senator Kay Hagan has been reaching out to communities and constituents across North Carolina galvanizing support for her re-election campaign. The Democratic Senator from North Carolina and her campaign are full steam ahead as they face Republican opponent, current N.C. Speaker of the House, Thom Tillis.

The Tillis campaign, according to Hagan, is being aided by \$20 million in out of state advertising spending from conservatives such as Charles and David Koch, and Republican political strategist Karl Rove. The Hagan campaign says, these out of state entities “believe North Carolina’s Senate seats can

be bought.”

Hagan, along with fellow Democrats in federal, state, county and city government, are spreading the word and sounding the alarm from Dare to Cherokee that the “Old North State is not for sale.” She is delivering this message to groups and communities across the state and recently

summit was to help coordinate the efforts of the campaign with the power of the community leaders in attendance.”

Speakers included North Carolina’s U.S. Congressional Representatives G.K. Butterfield and David Price, State Rep. and Congressional candidate Alma Adams and Congressman Elijah

growing up the son of two Pentecostal ministers who raised seven children, all of them college educated, on a domestic’s and laborer’s salary. He said that one must “never curse your journey because in the journey may be a lot of pain but that leads to your passion to fulfill your purpose.” Cummings told the audience,



Congressman Elijah Cummings (D-Md.), former chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus and Senator Kay Hagan.

Republicans in the North Carolina General Assembly, slashed \$293 million from the 2013-14 education budget, making North Carolina 48th in education funding

hosted a summit with hundreds of members of North Carolina’s African American community last weekend in Raleigh. According to campaign staffers, “The purpose of the

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“Senator Kay is a bridge builder. This [election] is bigger than us,” proclaimed Cummings. He talked about

“There are consequences to our actions and our failure to act... [We] cannot turn the [U.S.] Senate over to Republicans. We must protect our progress and Sen. Hagan is the last line of defense.”

Cummings said that the nation’s historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs), which North Carolina boasts of 11, are extremely important and people must fight the threat to close campuses. “We’ve got to stand up for educa-

tion,” said Cummings. “Terrorists are a major problem but the greatest threat to our national security is our failure to educate every single one of our children.”

Cummings said he came to North Carolina to support his friend and colleague Hagan because, “I need to be a part of something that is much bigger than me.” This race is about people, he added. “We are here to feed our souls and we know we have a role in the destiny of this country.”

North Carolina is now less than 100 days from the 2014

midterm elections, which includes the North Carolina U.S. Senate race. “This election is a clear contrast between my work to put North Carolina first and Speaker Tillis who has shown he will pick the special interests over our families every single time,” said Hagan. “I’ve been proud to build a record of results for North Carolina families and my top priority has been jobs.”

In discussing both he and Hagan’s ardent support of Medicaid expansion, Cummings said, “We can’t give more attention to the undertaker than to the doctor.”

“Republicans don’t give a damn about African Americans,” said Adams citing the General Assembly’s passage of VIVA, the Voter Information Verification Act, which consists of the strictest voter ID laws in the nation. Adams said she and her colleagues refer to the law as VIVA, the Voter Intimidation Vilification Act.

“We’ve got to turn this mutha out,” proclaimed Adams, who defeated six men to win the Democratic Primary for the 12th U.S. Congressional District seat.

Obituary

Marion Deloris Johnson

October 10, 1934 – July 26, 2014

Marion Deloris Johnson of Vancouver, Washington passed away on July 26, 2014 in Portland, Oregon.

A viewing will be held on August 7th, from 4-9pm at Caldwell’s Funeral Home, 20 NE 14th Ave. Portland, OR. The

funeral service will be held at Bethel AME Church, 5828 NE 8th Ave, Portland, OR 97211 on Aug. 8th, at 11am; and she will be laid to rest at Willamette National Cemetery.

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