

**VIRGINIA GOVERNOR BOB MCDONNELL KEYNOTER AT**  
**REAGAN DAY DINNER**  
**Straw Vote Winners Announced**

“Wake County set the stage for voters nationally to vote for change in the 2009 elections”, Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell said at the Wake County GOP Reagan Dinner, “And I challenge you to keep up the good fight and bring the North Carolina 2010 results to the same conclusion!”

Governor McDonnell was referring to the impressive election of the new Wake County School Board last October, which preceded the Governor’s landslide victory in Virginia in November 2009.

Wake County GOP Chair Claude Pope welcomed and congratulated McDonnell on his great victory, and thanked him for his leadership in starting to turn Virginia around!

The Reagan Dinner at the Dorton Arena at the State Fairgrounds was attended by a number of candidates and their supporters, who enthusiastically welcomed Governor McDonnell.

The Annual GOP awards were presented at the end of the dinner. The winners are:

**The Legacy Award** which is a posthumous recognition of a Wake GOP activist was presented by former Wake GOP Chair Kay Carrington to **Roy Baber** for his long service to the party.

**The Leadership Award**, given to the individual who has invested substantial resources, finances, technical assistance and enthusiastic support for Wake GOP candidates and causes was presented by long-time activist Art Pope to **Robert Luddy**.

**The Chairman’s Award**, given to a current Wake GOP worker who is going beyond the call of duty, was presented by Chairman Pope to **Bill Bryson**.

**The prestigious Senator Jesse Helms Award for Courage**, given to an elected official (Past or present) who exhibits courage in the spirit of Senator Helms was presented by Apex Mayor Keith Weatherly and Mrs. Jesse (Dot) Helms to **Art Pope**.

The dinner was concluded with the announcement of the Straw Poll. The winners of the Straw Poll were:

**US House NC 2nd District**

Frank Deatrach	17.8%	
<b>Renee Elmers</b>		<b>61.6%</b>
Todd Gailas	16.4%	

**US House NC 4th District**

David Burnett	0.0%	
BJ Lawson	34.4%	
<b>Frank Roche</b>		<b>65.5%</b>

**US House NC 13th District**

<b>Dan Huffman</b>		<b>48.2%</b>
Frank Hurley	4.7%	
Bill Randall	36.5%	
Bernie Reeves	10.6%	

**NC House 33rd District**

Susan Byrd Leventhal	15.1%	
<b>Paul Terrell</b>		<b>84.9%</b>

**NC House 34th District**

Jamie Earp	4.05%	
<b>Steve Henion</b>		<b>56.8%</b>
Joe Ross	8.1%	
Brian Tinga	31.1%	

**NC House 41st District**

Todd Batchelor	26.6%	
<b>Tom Murry</b>		<b>73.4%</b>
David Sloane	0.0%	

**Wake County Commissioner #2**

Champ Claris	38.8%	
Phil Jeffreys	5.0%	
<b>Phil Matthews</b>		<b>56.3%</b>