



Official and Heartfelt Announcement from the Office of Representative Joe John

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It is with deep sorrow and a heavy heart that I announce my resignation from my position as your Representative of North Carolina State House District 40. After a courageous and arduous battle with cancer, I have been informed by my doctors that all treatment options have been exhausted, and I now face a terminal diagnosis.

This decision, though incredibly difficult, is made with the intention of focusing on my health and spending cherished time with my family during this challenging period. Throughout this journey, I've given everything I have, and I am deeply proud of the work we've done together as a community.

I was first elected as your State Representative in 2016, and I have been honored to serve four terms, winning five consecutive elections. It has been one of the greatest privileges of my life. Over the years, I have also had the honor of serving in many capacities, each of which has shaped my professional life and further fueled my dedication to public service. As I did for nearly 25 years as a North Carolina Judge, I have always made it my priority to carefully consider all sides, diligently review the pros and cons, and make the best decisions I can—guided by the law and in the best interest of the taxpaying citizens of our state. The values I hold dear—integrity, hard work, family, and a deep commitment to our community—will remain with me as I navigate the next phase of my life.

As I reflect on my time in service, I hope my legacy will be one of dedication to the common good—working to build bridges, advocate for the voiceless, and fight for justice. My deepest wish is that the work we've done together will live on, inspiring future leaders to carry the torch of compassion, reasonableness, and progress. If my time in office has made even a small difference in your lives, then I will leave this world knowing I've done my part.

I have always been and remain grateful for my loving wife, Evelyn, and my children, Steffi, Andy, and Joe, who have supported my goals and ambitions over the years. While my professional title has changed a few times over the years, the titles I always felt were the most important are husband and father, and of course, grandfather.

I am profoundly grateful for your support over the years and for the incredible privilege of serving you. Please keep me and my family in your prayers as we navigate the difficult road ahead. I will always treasure the opportunity to have been part of such a remarkable community.

With deep appreciation and gratitude,

Representative Joseph R. John Sr.