



# From the Desk of **Representative**

*Erin Paré*

**District 37**

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Thank you for reading my newsletter for legislative updates and District 37 news.

Budget work underway, policy work on a variety of issues regarding public health and safety, and movement on bills impacting local government operations and Wake students. I was also proud to honor a leader, friend, and hero for local and statewide veterans, who left this earth far too soon.

Of note: I was happy to introduce legislation this week, which passed the House, to modernize the City-County Bureau of Identification "CCBI" enabling legislation of 1937. This legislation is an agreement between the City of Raleigh and Wake County and impacts funding and management functions of the organization.

It continues to be my absolute honor and privilege to serve the people of District 37 in the North Carolina House.

*-Representative Erin Paré*



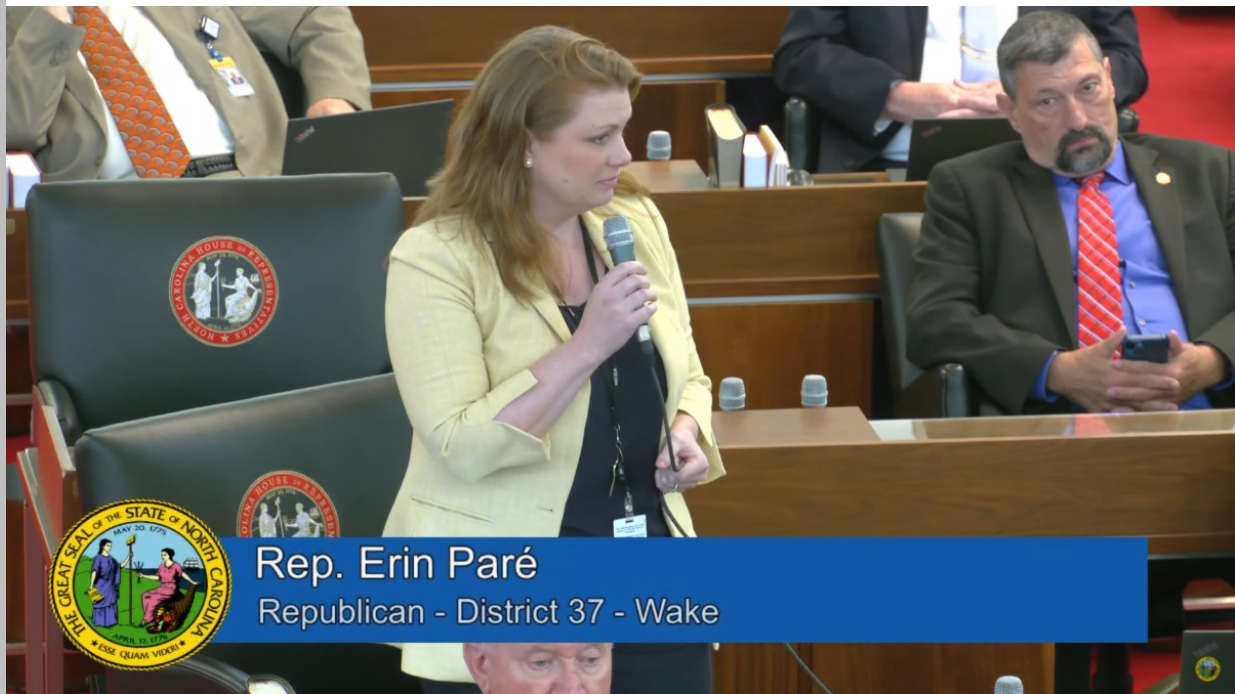
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## HB 237 Unmasking Mobs and Criminals



On Wednesday, Rep. Paré made a motion for the House to not concur with the Senate changes to HB 237 [Unmasking Mobs and Criminals](#). By voice vote, the House voted not to concur. The Speaker of the House has appointed 4 members, Rep. Paré included, to serve on the conference committee with the Senate on the bill.

To hear her interview on WPTF Morning Show on this subject, [Click Here](#).

Earlier in the week Rep. Paré said, "I will vote to not concur with the Senate changes to HB 237. Every person has the freedom to wear a mask to ensure their physical health and safety if they want to. Removing the medical mask exemption provision from current state law has created confusion among the public. HB 237 also enhances penalties for people who use a mask to conceal their identity while committing a crime, which is good and important. The right thing to do here is to add back the deleted provisions regarding medical masking and give the public clarity on the issue."

## House Bill 900

### Substitute Certain CIHS Partners/Wake



There has been significant input to the office of Rep. Paré from Southern Wake families about the impact on Wake Leadership Academies due to the St. Augustine University accreditation issue. Rep. Paré filed HB 900 [Substitute Certain CIHS Partners/Wake](#) which will expedite the process for Wake County Public Schools to partner with another institution of higher learning to host the Wake Young Men's Leadership Academy and Wake Young Women's Leadership Academy.

This week, HB 900 received a favorable report in the House Committee on Local Government and will next be sent to the House Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

"This is a good bill to help Wake County Public Schools and families of Wake Young Men's Leadership Academy and Wake Young Women's Leadership Academy. I am happy to see it pass committee today and move forward quickly through the legislative process. I am also happy for the bipartisan support and collaboration on this bill between Wake County Public Schools and the Department of Public Instruction/State Board of Education." stated Rep. Paré.

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## Representative Paré Leads on Safer Roads, Less Congestion in Southern Wake County





## Safer Roads, Less Congestion



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## Honoring Mike Dorman, Founder of Military Missions in Action



Rep. Paré was honored to recognize Mike Dorman, the founder and former Executive Director of Military Missions in Action, on the House floor on May 15th.

"Members, I rise today to honor and remember a great man and servant

leader, who dedicated his life to supporting and assisting veterans all over the great state of North Carolina, Mr. Michael Dorman, founder and former executive Director of Military Missions in Action, a Gold GuideStar 501c3 nonprofit Headquartered in Fuquay-Varina, NC, which provides veterans services for all 100 counties in the state. Mike passed from this earth to meet his heavenly father on December 28, 2021." [said Rep. Paré](#) on the House Floor.

"Mike was a hero for our state's veterans. He believed in MMIA and its mission. He was not just the founder and Executive Director, not just a leader, friend, and mentor to many Veterans, volunteers, employees, and donors, He WAS, and will remain, the heart, soul and face of MMIA."



## **A REPRESENTATIVE STATEMENT HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF MICHAEL "MIKE" DORMAN**

**WHEREAS**, on December 28, 2021, the State of North Carolina lost one of its most loyal and able citizens in the death of Michael Dorman, who had dedicated his life to supporting and assisting veterans all over the great State of North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael Dorman served as the founder and former executive Director of Military Missions in Action (MMIA), a Gold GuideStar 501(c)(3) nonprofit headquartered in Fuquay-Varina, which provides veterans services for all 100 counties in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, after his 20 year military career in the US Coast Guard ended, Mike Dorman was led to step out in faith and founded Military Missions in Action in 2008, devoting all of his efforts to help Veterans with disabilities achieve independent living, as well as support our servicemen and women serving in combat areas and their families. He once was quoted saying: "I...wanted to honor our fallen heroes like my grandfather and support our men and women currently serving in the armed forces... It does not matter whether you are young or old, rich or poor, Republican or Democrat; it is our duty and responsibility to support those who sacrificed so much for our freedom. I was becoming more aware of the high number of returning veterans suffering from disabilities and knew a need existed to have their homes modified so they can live independently. I was also aware that a large number of veterans are just now suffering disabilities from the Vietnam War and that age was becoming a disability for Korean and World War II veterans;" and

**WHEREAS**, Mike Dorman stayed for four days with a group of homeless veterans in Jacksonville, sleeping in the streets to understand truly the needs of homeless veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, MMIA has helped countless veterans and their families all over of North Carolina. In 2010, Mike Dorman was awarded the Edward M. Kennedy Community Service Award, the Fuquay-Varina Chamber of Commerce Award, and the Distinguished Service Award. In 2013, he was awarded the Fuquay-Varina's Small Business of the Year award and the American Association for Affirmative Action award. In 2015, he was awarded the Triangle Access Assistance Award. He was also awarded the highest honor for service to the State of North Carolina, The Order of the Longleaf Pine in 2013, and gained national attention when he was awarded the nation's second highest civilian award, the President's Citizens Medal, by President Obama in 2013. While he was in the hospital fighting COVID, he was selected for the National Daughters of the American Revolution Medal of Honor, which will be presented posthumously; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike Dorman's legacy supporting our State's veterans continues through MMIA, which is carrying forward thanks to a core group of excellent and hard-working volunteers,

and new capable and dedicated new leadership, including "OPERATION BUILDING HOPE, HOMES FOR HEALING, The "Fill The Footlocker" program, Homeless Veterans Stand-down Kits, and Operation Rescue Christmas; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 13 years since its inception, 93 cents of every dollar has gone towards MMIA programs, which has helped to complete 785 building projects, assisted over 31,500 homeless veterans, allowed 584 families to receive furniture and household goods; provided shipments of over 60,000 care packages to our servicemen and women; and permitted 2,420 children to benefit from the Operation Rescue Christmas Program;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is fitting and proper to honor the life and memory of Michael "Mike" Dorman, who was not just the founder and Executive Director, not just a leader, friend, and mentor to many Veterans, volunteers, employees, and donors, but was and will remain, the heart, soul, and face of Military Missions in Action.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the House and placed upon the Journal on the 15th day of May, 2024.



Submitted by Representative Erin Paré

## Charter School Students Recognized at the General Assembly



Students of the Triangle Math and Science Academy and The Math and

Science Academy of Apex were extended the privileges of the gallery by the Speaker of the House for their achievements in the North Carolina House of Representatives during National Charter Schools Week.



## 2024 General Assembly Short Session

The 2024 General Assembly Short Session began on April 24th. Rep. Paré has introduced, sponsored, or co-sponsored the House Bills below.

### Introduced bills:

HB 900, [Substitute Certain CIHS Partners/Wake](#).

HB 909, [Town of Fuquay-Varina/Deannexation](#).

HB 1056, [PA Licensure Interstate Compact](#).

### Sponsored bills:

HB 903, [Add Tianeptine to Controlled Substance List](#).

HB 942, [SHALOM Act](#).

### Co-Sponsored Bills:

HB 905, [Disabled Veteran Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption](#).

HB 966, [Expedited Removal of Unauthorized Persons](#).

HB 971, [Hotel Operation and Personnel Education Act](#).

HB 984, [Removal of Squatters from Private Property](#).

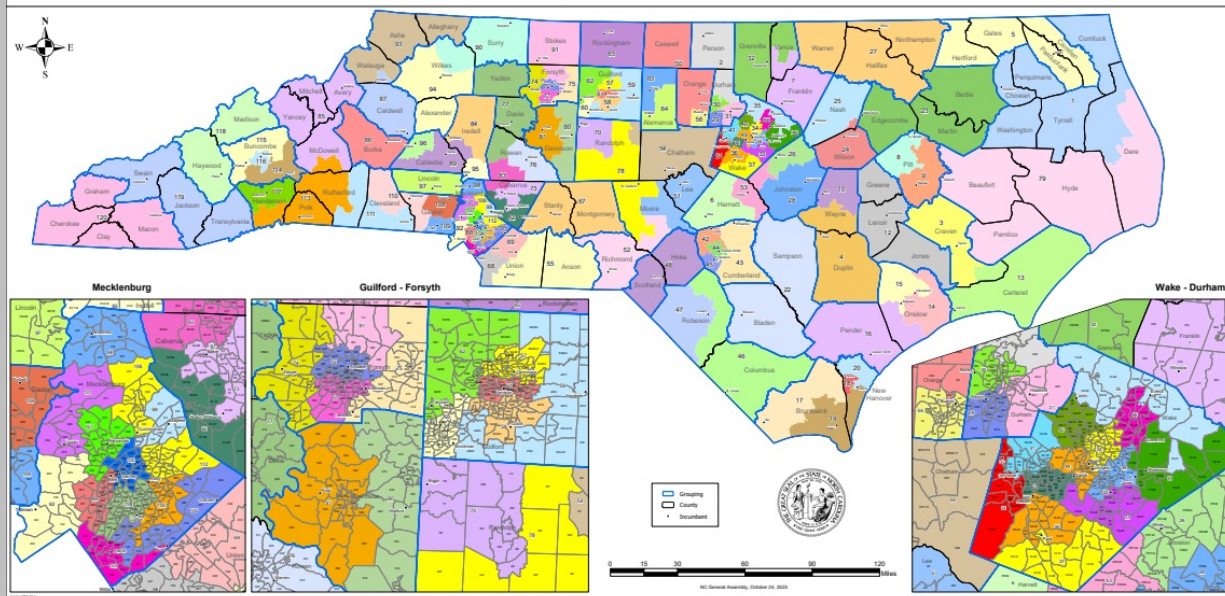
HB 1003, [Jt Caucus for IDD/Omnibus](#).

HB 1029, [Right To Try Individualized Treatments](#).

HB 1044, [County Tier Designation Study Bill](#).

## 2024 House, Senate and Congressional District Maps





[HB 898](#): House Redistricting Plan 2023/H898 Ed 2 (above).

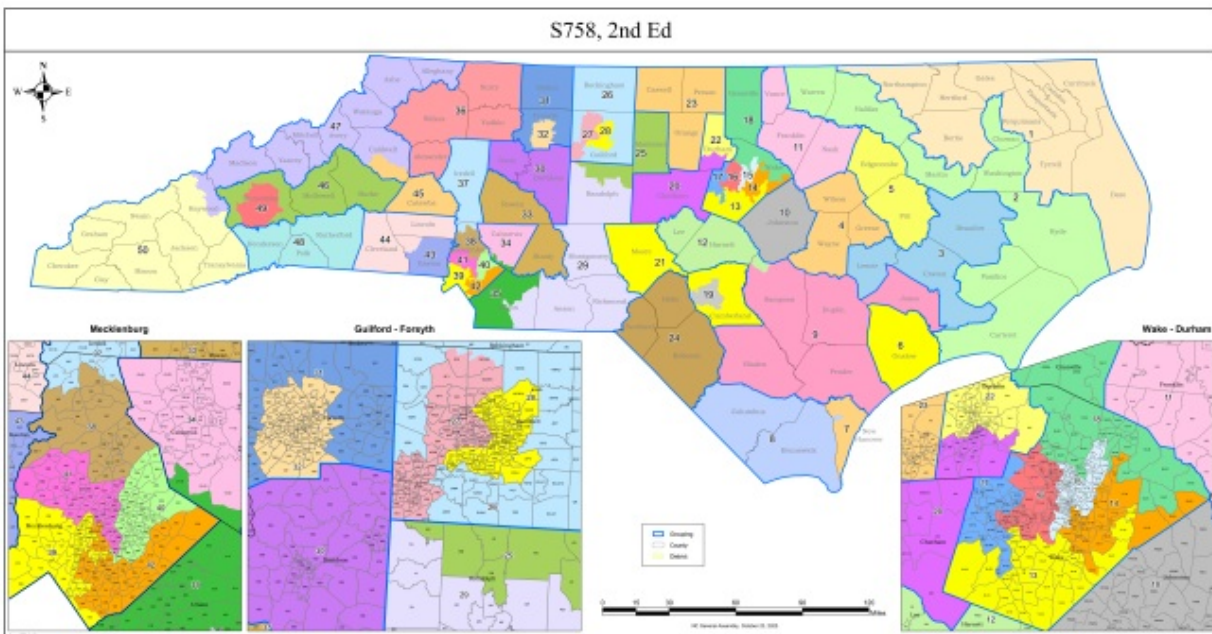
[SB 758](#): Realign NC Senate Districts 2023/SB758,2 Ed.

[SB 757](#): Realign Congressional Districts 2023/CST-4.

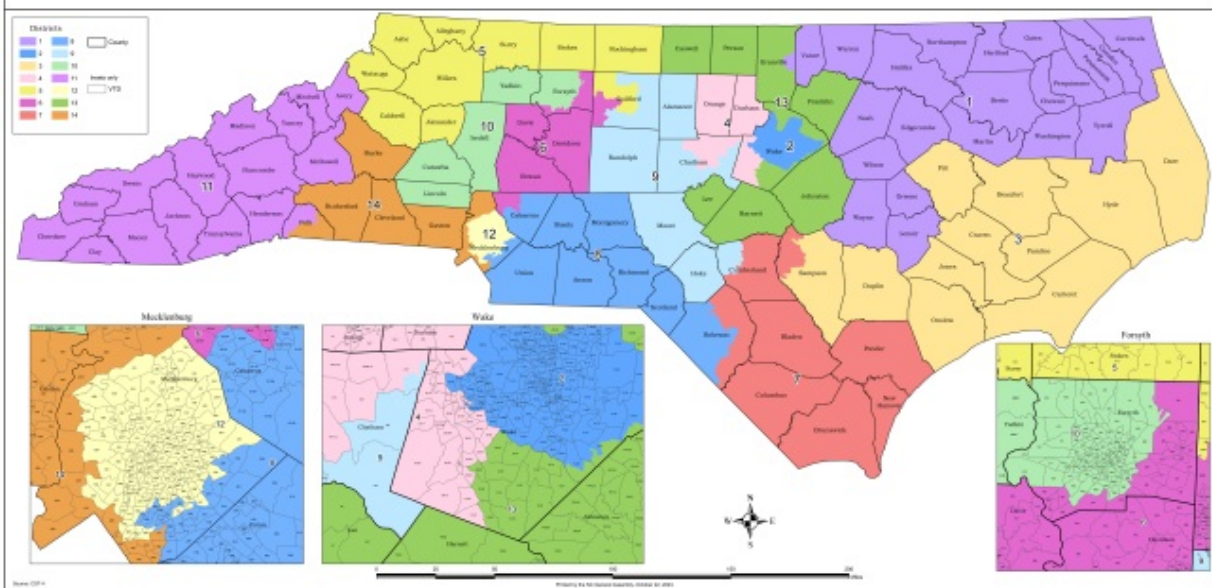
To drill down to precinct levels, please click the links above, and click on "19 x 36 Map."

Click [here](#) to check your 2024 voting districts by name.

Click [here](#) to check your current and 2024 districts by address .







## News Clips

[Legislation on masks in public headed to conference committee– The Center Square](#)

[NC charter waitlist extends to over 85,000 students– Carolina Journal](#)

[eCourts Kiosks Deploy to N.C. Courthouses with Scanners, Printers, Payment Services for the Public – NC Courts](#)

[Record travel expected this Memorial Day weekend in North Carolina– Spectrum News](#)

[Agriculture, agribusiness exceeds \\$111.1B in economic impact - The Center Square](#)

[Some NC House Republicans oppose anti-mask bill– WRAL](#)

[The Rev. Billy Graham is honored with statue at U.S. Capitol– Spectrum News](#)

[Department of Education works to fix FAFSA application problems as college deadlines loom – ABC11](#)

[Senate approves \\$463.5M more for Opportunity Scholarship program – The Carolina Journal](#)

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