

Speaker Tim Moore Opening Day Remarks

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 12:00 PM

Good afternoon. Thank you.

Welcome to a new session of the North Carolina House.

Fellow Representatives:

It is a tremendous honor to accept this nomination to serve a fourth term as your Speaker.

To our special guests and friends around the state:

Thank you for joining us.

We are here to mark a new beginning for North Carolina.

I'll be brief so we can get to work.

Our nation faces challenging times and uncertainty.

Folks are suffering in this healthcare crisis.

Our hearts are with every person hurting today.

But the United States has tackled tough times before.

We are a guiding light for the principles of freedom and free enterprise.

And North Carolina is ready to lead the way forward.

For our fellow Americans, who are seeking hope.

For those in need of care, for students, and for struggling businesses.

We succeed by challenging one another to be our best.

By giving those we represent confidence in our leadership.

And as reliable legislators who serve the people first.

Who help busy moms and dads navigate government.

Assisting every person who asks for help, every day.

In this House of Representatives, we listen to taxpayers who work hard and deserve accountability for their dollars.

We earn the trust of our citizens to manage this state.

North Carolinians expect us to put politics aside and create a state government that attracts success.

And we have done that.

We turned a corner towards stronger growth.

Together we built a more resilient economy.

We confronted the state's financial problems head-on.

Now reforms that work have replaced broken programs.

With a balanced budget and rainy-day fund, we are prepared to deliver relief for critical needs.

We can support our students as they overcome setbacks.

We can afford the investments we need to connect rural and urban economies for shared growth.

And above all, we are committed to a system of government that represents justice for all North Carolinians.

Every person who calls our state home is represented here.

They are each created equal with the same rights.

This body is their forum, for spirited debate about the freedoms guaranteed for every North Carolinian.

Our citizens deserve leadership that fulfills the promise of the North Carolina Constitution's preamble, which calls "For the better government of this state."

Thank you for answering that call today.

To reach across the aisle to achieve change.

To benefit our state from the Smoky Mountains to the Outer Banks.

And reflect our sincere commitment to the best interests of all North Carolinians, and our fellow Americans.

We are blessed with a state of rich culture and natural beauty that is growing stronger than ever.

North Carolina is a special place unlike any other.

May our work here leave the same positive impact on this land that it has made on all of us.

May God continue to bless our nation, and North Carolina.

Thank you.