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***FTCC Graduation May 15 with Lieutenant Governor Walter Dalton as Guest Speaker***

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – April 24, 2009 – Fayetteville Technical Community College (FTCC) will hold the Forty-Seventh Annual Commencement Exercises for its curriculum and continuing education students at the Cumberland County Crown Coliseum Complex on Friday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m. Lieutenant Governor Walter Dalton will be the guest speaker for the event.

Lieutenant Governor Dalton has served six terms in the North Carolina Senate with a proven track record as a leader in education. Dalton authored the Innovative Education Act and created the Learn and Earn program designed to customize learning and offer students opportunities to get a head start on a good job or a college degree. Students who begin the program can earn a technical degree or complete two years toward a college degree after five years. The Learn and Earn program was named one of the top 50 innovative programs by Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

A longtime leader in economic development, Lieutenant Governor Dalton has worked to bring new, high-quality jobs to our state and increase the funding for community colleges and universities. As a board member of the North Carolina Economic Development Board, he has worked diligently with leaders across the state to find long-term solutions to the problems facing our economy. Dalton sits on the state boards of education and community colleges.

Born in Rutherfordton, Walter Dalton is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a B.S. in business administration and a law degree. He is married to Lucille Hodge Dalton who was named North Carolina's school board member of the year in 1998, winning the Raleigh Dingman Award. Walter and Lucille have been married for the past thirty-seven years and have two children, Brian and Elizabeth.

Fayetteville Technical Community College was established in 1961 and serves over 34,000 students annually by providing 150 affordable vocational, technical, general education, college transfer, and continuing education programs to meet students' needs and desires as well as the community.

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