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Raleigh, September 27, 2011 – Rep. Faison will speak at a Town Hall Meeting tonight at 7:00 pm in Hillsborough at 505 Rainey Ave.

“North Carolina needs a practical, common sense jobs plan that works. I have proposed just such a plan and the overwhelming majority of the House Democrats have signed on to put people back to work. Meanwhile, the Republicans are firing teachers, teachers’ aids, State employees and public sector employees, primarily in healthcare. They are adding to our unemployment,” said Rep. Faison.

“Another 13,515 lost their jobs between July and August. Instead of giving us jobs, they have given us increasing unemployment. Worse, while they raise over \$100 million in new fees/taxes, they waste our money on pandering legislative special sessions to the tune of \$50,000 a day. So far they have wasted \$150,000 on an unnecessary session in September focused on same sex marriage when what we need are jobs. WE CAN FIX THIS but not with the GOP running the legislature.”

“Our JOBS plan calls for a 30 percent cut to the penny sales tax and putting over 36,000 people back to work. Republicans ran on a platform of “No New Taxes” and then raised over a \$100 million in new fees/taxes. Even their former GOP leader Tom Fetzner calls fees what they are - taxes. Our hard working state employees called for the restoration of the penny sales tax in the Spring through their association, SEANC. If the GOP would just listen to the people, then folks would have jobs and unemployment would have gone down.”

“We are in a serious economic crisis. We CAN FIX this. We need to elect Members of Congress and Members of the State Legislature who support our Jobs plan, and we need to hold the elections on time.”

Rep. Faison, together with 35 other Representatives called on the NC GOP Leadership in the House to answer the challenge of working families by enacting a JOBS plan immediately.

On Monday, Sept. 26, the Wake County Democratic Party endorsed the plan with a unanimous resolution.

The NC House Black Caucus endorsed the plan at their Caucus Meeting Tuesday, Sept. 13.

The full House Caucus has not yet had the opportunity to vote on the plan as an official position or discuss it in detail.

Representative Faison represents NC House District 50, Northern Orange and Caswell Counties, and was first elected to the Legislature in 2005. Bill is a staunch supporter and advocate for jobs, education and health care. As a Single Dad, Bill knows how important it is to make good decisions now for results in the future. With three children in college and one in high school, Bill is focused on acting now to secure the future for all of our children.

As a legislator since 2005, he has championed rural high-speed internet access and in his role as Chairman of the House Democrats' Business Caucus, he has taken on the issue of rising unemployment in NC and is calling for a JOBS plan for the State, with a challenge to the GOP Leadership.

For information on the JOBS plan, supported by 35 of his colleagues in the NC House, go to www.BillFaison.com

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