

North Carolina House of Representatives

Representative Jason Saine 97th District – Lincoln County

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State Representative Jason Saine Announces Retirement from the North Carolina House of Representatives

LINCOLN COUNTY, NC – Representative Jason Saine who has represented District 97 which encompasses the whole of Lincoln County, has announced his retirement from the North Carolina House of Representatives, effective August 12th, 2024.

For over a decade, Representative Saine has been at the forefront of policymaking and governance, working tirelessly to enhance the lives of his constituents and the welfare of North Carolina. His departure marks the end of a significant era of leadership and commitment to public service.

In his letter to the Speaker of the House, Tim Moore, Representative Saine expressed his profound gratitude to the people of Lincoln County for their unwavering support throughout his 13-year tenure. He also extended his appreciation to his colleagues for their camaraderie and the collaborative spirit that has been the hallmark of his career in the legislature.

Representative Saine is stepping away from public life to embrace new professional opportunities that will allow him to continue advocating for the policies he is passionate about.

Representative Saine stated that he looks forward to "entering the portal" as his son Jackson put it and spending more quality time with his family. The decision comes with the support of his family, who have shared in the sacrifices made during his time in office.

Representative Saine extends his best wishes to his successor and all members of the legislature as they continue the important work of serving the people of North Carolina.

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LEGISLATIVE AND CAREER HIGHLIGHTS OF REPRESENTATIVE JASON SAINE

September 2011 – Appointed to the North Carolina House to fill out the remainder of Representative Jonathan Rhyne

November 2013 – Awarded the North Carolina Technology Association's Public Leadership Award for work on Information Technology policies that have impacted North Carolina.

November 2013 – Awarded by the Humane Society of the United States their "Humane State Legislator" award for work fighting puppy mills in North Carolina.

January 2014 – Awarded the "Friend of the Fire Service" designation by the North Carolina State Fireman's Association & North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs.

July 2014 – Named the American Legislative Exchange Council's "Legislator of the Year" at the organization's 41st Annual Meeting in Dallas, Tx.

November 2014 – Awarded the "Preservation Advocacy Award 2014" by the Lincoln County Historical Association for assisting in securing a painting by local folk artist Lem Nolen from a closed state facility (Samarcand).

January 2015 – Awarded the "Defender of Public Safety" award by the North Carolina Sheriff's Association.

January 2015 - Awarded the "2015 Charter Champion Award" by the North Carolina Public Schools Association.

October 2015 – Awarded the "2015 Legislator of the Year" recognition by the North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association for leadership in promoting clean energy in the state.

December 2015 – Award the "Representative of the Year" recognition by Children's Advocacy Centers of North Carolina for advocacy on behalf of the State's Child Advocacy Centers and those they serve.

December 2015 – Awarded the NC Metropolitan Mayors Coalition's "Special Recognition" for fighting to reach compromise on the regional sales tax distribution issue that would have impacted negatively many of the metro areas across the state.

December 2015 – Named the "2015-2016 Library Champion" by the North Carolina Public Library Directors Association in honor of support for public libraries across the state.



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December 2015 – Named "Legislator of the Year" by the North Carolina Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association for exhibiting "strong and effective leadership in tax reform, transparency and fairness."

March 2016 – Named "Legislator of the Year" by the North Carolina Economic Development Association for demonstrating outstanding leadership and support of economic development in North Carolina and for support of economic development legislation including the extension of the Job Development Investment Grant Program.

September 2016 – Named the "Legislator of the Year" by the Professional Fire Fighters and Paramedics of North Carolina (PFFPNC) for legislation that expanded the line-of-duty death benefits for Fire Fighters statewide and coverage of key cancers that are related to the profession.

September 2016 – Received the "Education All-Star Award" from the Education Freedom Alliance for work on House Bill 1080, Achievement School Districts.

August 2017 – Named the "Clean Energy Champion" by the Chambers of Innovation and Clean Energy.

March 2022 – Received the "UNC Charlotte Distinguished Alumni Award" for legislative leadership, public service and for continuing to support the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. (Video: https://youtu.be/fPQhWwA6R-8?si=IfwPfjHRqJu697hT)

April 2022 – Named the "NCRLA 2022 Hospitality Champion of the Year" by the North Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association for "unwavering support of NC's hotels, restaurants and bars."

June 2022 – Awarded the national "Bud Cramer Advocacy Award" by the National Children's Alliance for commitment and dedication to children for extraordinary promotion of Child Advocacy Centers.

September 2022 – Honored by the Carolina Cyber Network and receive the "Carolina Cyber Network Service Award" for "exemplary service in cybersecurity for the State of North Carolina.

August 2024 – Resigned from the North Carolina House of Representatives.