



Former Governor Hunt to Speak at Dinner of Champions

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Former North Carolina Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. will be the keynote speaker at the Eastern North Carolina Chapter of the National MS Society's annual Dinner of Champions. The fundraising event will be held September 4 at the Prestonwood Country Club in Cary.

PR9.NET July 15, 2008 - RALEIGH, N.C. – The Eastern North Carolina Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society announces today that former four-term N.C. Governor James B. Hunt Jr. will be the keynote speaker at its annual Dinner of Champions. The event, held September 4 at the Prestonwood Country Club in Cary, will celebrate the positive contributions made by health and life science organizations.

"We are honored to have former Governor Hunt as our guest speaker," says Bob Bryan, president of the Eastern North Carolina Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. "For more than 20 years, he has been an instrumental part in leading the charge to bring the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries to the forefront of North Carolina's economy."

In addition to celebrating organizations making positive contributions to health and life sciences, proceeds from the Dinner of Champions will benefit the Access to Health Care Fund—a fund set up to improve the access to health care for people affected by multiple sclerosis in eastern North Carolina.

For more information, visit www.MSDinnerofChampions.org , or call 919-834-0678.

About James B. Hunt, Jr., Former Governor of North Carolina:

As governor for four historic terms, Governor Hunt has led North Carolina through two decades of dramatic economic change. It was during his tenure as governor that the state transitioned from an economy of primarily traditional industries toward one that includes knowledge-driven industries such as biotechnology, pharmaceuticals and information technology. Through this change, and in large measure because of Hunt's leadership, North Carolina consistently ranked at the top of the nation in economic growth, job creation and capital investment and was nationally recognized for its top business climate. While in office, Hunt focused on new-economy strategies by establishing the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, the Microelectronics Center of North Carolina, and the North Carolina Biotechnology Center – all of which helped solidify North Carolina's reputation as the most innovative state in the nation in information technology and biotechnology. Today, Hunt is a member of the law firm Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC and serves as chairman of the James B. Hunt, Jr. Institute for Educational Leadership and Policy in Chapel Hill.

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