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## **Kaylor Elected MTCC Board Chairman**

Joe Kaylor, Glenwood resident and longtime community leader, has been elected as chairman of the McDowell Technical Community College Board of Trustees for the 2010-2011 academic year. Kaylor succeeds outgoing chairman Matt Smith, who had served as chairman for the last eight years and had asked not to be re-elected this year. He will remain as a trustee at the college, but in a non-officer role. Mrs. Annette Bryant, local businesswoman and owner of WBRM Radio, will continue to serve as vice-chair of the board.

"I did not seek nomination to serve another year," said Smith, "as I do not feel I currently have the extra time that is required to do justice to the job of chairman." As he stepped aside, Smith applauded the work done by his fellow board members on behalf of the college: "I have been fortunate to have such an outstanding board to work with. This board has put aside political differences and continually worked for the betterment of the college, something you do not see at many other community colleges in North Carolina."

Smith also praised administrators and instructors at McDowell Tech. "I think we have one of the best groups of employees of any college in the NC Community College System, and this is evidenced by many of the high state rankings MTCC has achieved in recent years. McDowell County is extremely fortunate to have one of the finest community colleges in North Carolina."

In concluding his remarks, Smith noted that he had known Mr. Kaylor for a long time and feels he will do a great job for the college. "I am sure Mr. Kaylor will continue to keep MTCC tops in the state."

Kaylor is not new to leadership roles. He served as an elected member of the McDowell County Board of Education for 24 years, 16 of those as chairman, and he has been a member of the board of trustees at McDowell Technical Community College for 16 years. In the past, he has served on the State Board of Transportation in Raleigh, and was active on the State Education Study Commission for two years.

Locally, he has also served on the McDowell County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and completed one term as Industry Representative on the McDowell Economic Development Association (MEDA) Board. Kaylor has also been a Director of the former American Thread Credit Union.

Kaylor is retired from American Thread Company, where he worked for 37 years. He was Distribution Manager for the company, which was predecessor to Coats American. Previously, Kaylor was also a small businessman who owned two service stations in McDowell County.

For 30 years, he refereed high school and college basketball games. Although he was an official at many games and many different schools throughout this area for three decades, he acknowledges he has a love for local basketball. "I have always been a strong supporter of Titan athletics," he said.

Kaylor and his wife, Betty, are parents of 5 children, 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. He and Betty are members of Glenwood Baptist Church.

"It is an honor to have been elected to serve as chairman of the McDowell Tech Board of Trustees, and I look forward to moving it forward," he said.