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Billy Woodard receives Lewis R. Holding Leadership Award from NCCF

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RALEIGH -- The North Carolina Community Foundation's board of directors has presented the Lewis R. Holding Philanthropic Leadership Award for 2009 to Billy Woodard of Fuquay-Varina, according to James W. Narron, board chair.

Woodard was honored at the NCCF's recent statewide board meeting for his leadership in helping to develop the Foundation as a statewide entity, Narron said. "Billy has tirelessly raised funds for our operating endowment through his own contributions as well as through his dedication and willingness to approach others," he said.

Woodard also was instrumental in establishing NCCF affiliates in Granville, Harnett, Hoke, Montgomery and Moore counties. He was elected to the statewide board in 1993 and has served as secretary for the past 15 years. He is chairman of the Fidelity Bank.

The Lewis R. Holding Philanthropic Leadership Award is presented annually by the NCCF board to a Foundation volunteer who has demonstrated exceptional leadership resulting in outstanding stewardship and growth. Holding was the NCCF's founder and first board chair. His daughter Carmen Holding Ames created the award to honor her father and attended the board meeting to help make the presentation to Woodard.

About the North Carolina Community Foundation:

The NCCF is the single statewide community foundation serving North Carolina and has made nearly \$63 million in grants since its inception in 1988. With more than \$100 million in assets, the NCCF sustains 1,000 endowments

established to provide long-term support of a broad range of community needs, nonprofit organizations, institutions and scholarships. The NCCF partners with 60 affiliate foundations to provide local resource allocation and community assistance in 66 counties across the state. An important component of the NCCF's mission is to ensure that rural philanthropy has a voice at local, regional and national levels. For more information, visit nccommunityfoundation.org and Facebook.

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