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PRESS RELEASE

Mark Speed Unanimously Appointed County Commissioner

Franklin Commissioners fill District 3 seat

Franklin County, June 27, 2017: Franklin County Commissioners made a unanimous decision last evening to appoint James M. Speed (Mark) to fill the unexpired District 3 seat formerly served by the late John M. May.

Commissioner Speed was appointed following the District 3 Executive Committee's nomination on July 20, 2017 and will serve the Epsom/Centerville area. Commissioner Speed comes from a family of public servants. His grandfather served as Franklin County Commissioner in the 1920's. His father, the late James D. Speed served the North Carolina House of Representatives for 12 years and the North Carolina Senate for 20 years until his passing in 2006.

Commissioner Speed says he is thankful to all those who have encouraged him to serve through the years and to continue his family's legacy. He said he looks forward to learning and working with fellow board members in serving the citizens of Franklin County.

Board Chairman Cedric Jones welcomes Commissioner Speed to the board and said he looks forward to working together for the betterment of Franklin County.

Commissioner Speed was sworn under oath by County Attorney Aubrey S. Tomlinson, Jr. and accompanied by his wife Camille Speed and nephew Davis Speed.

Following the appointment, Commissioner John M. May was honored posthumously with a standing ovation. His wife Vickie was in attendance.

Commissioner Speed will attend his first board meeting on July 17, 2017.

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