

94TH ANNUAL NORTH CAROLINA LIONS STATE CONVENTION

MD-31

April 28-30, 2017

North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, NC

First General Convention Session

10-11:45 AM

Council Chair Tim Williams called the First General Convention Session of the 94th Annual North Carolina Lions State Convention, MD-31, to order at 10:AM, Saturday, April 29, 2017, at the North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, NC. District Governor Butch Conrad (31-I) offered the Invocation and District Governor Laraine Dupree (31-O) led the pledge to the United States Flag.

District Governor Max Bumgardner (31-L) introduced the head table.

Lions International 2nd Vice-President Gudrun Bjort Yngvadattir thanked the Lions of North Carolina for their hospitality and for their service such as that she saw at the Kinston Industries for the Blind and the Lions handicapped accessible water park on Thursday.

PDG Bob Sprinkle of the Sparta Lions Club was appointed Parliamentarian.

PDG Jerry Austin presented the Rules Committee Report which was printed in the Convention Program. Upon motion of Rules Chair Austin and second by VDG Don Eggert, the vote was unanimous to adopt the 2017 Convention Rules.

The Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee was presented by PDG Rhett White, Credentials Chair. He announced that Delegate Certification would take place from 4-5:PM Saturday in Boardroom 1 and at the same location Sunday from 8-9:30 AM.

Council Chair Williams reported on 2016-2017 activities and projects of the State Council. He highlighted the STRIDES Walk to benefit the DAPS Project, the planned Centennial Youth Exchange Camp and the Lions Leadership Institute hosted at Camp Dogwood.

PDG Charles Holleman, President of the NC Lions, Inc., reported on the 2016-2017 year, including improvements at Camp Dogwood with the camp ready for the new season. He thanked Lion volunteers who helped get the facility ready. He announced the 50th Anniversary of Camp Dogwood will take place in July and invited Lions to participate.

President Holleman indicated that the transition in leadership is well underway and is proceeding successfully. He thanked Lion Steve Walker for his long-time service to the foundation and Lions of North Carolina.

PDG Jana Peedin, Chair of the Brighter Visions fundraising campaign, reported that 57% of the \$687,500.00 fundraising goal had been reached. She thanked individual clubs for their special efforts.

PDG Chris Headley, Chair of the Camp Dogwood Committee, reported on repairs to the camp and on ticket sales progress. He indicated that sales now stand at \$76,554.50. He also urged more use of the camp facility during the "off-season."

PIP Sid Scruggs thanked the Kinston Lions Industries for the Blind for hosting International 2nd Vice-President Gudrun Bjort Yngvadattir and others earlier in the week. He also complimented PDGs Paulette and Larry Gasperson for their efforts to plan and organize the Centennial Youth Exchange Camp that will take place later in the summer. Eight foreign youth will take part in the adventure that will cross the state.

PID Harvey Whitley complimented the Governors for chartering five new Lions Clubs during the year, with others expected. He said growth depends upon new clubs being organized. He also reported that as of the end of April, North Carolina is the only southeastern Sate with positive membership growth.

Council Chair Williams recessed the General Session until 10:30 AM Sunday, April 30, 2017.

Second General Convention Session

10:30 AM-Noon

Council Chair Tim Williams called the Second General Session of the 94th Annual State Convention, MD-31, to order at 10:30 AM, Sunday, April 30, 2017. He introduced the head table and International officers and welcomed the Lions attending.

Vice-President Gudrun Bjort Yngvadattir thanked the Lions of North Carolina for their hospitality and complimented them for their leadership and membership efforts.

Lion Rick Hazard (not present) of District 31-L was announced as the winner of the Environmental Photo Contest and will be presented a \$200.00 check by DG Max Bumgardner.

PDG Mike Schwartz presented the Celebrate Liberty Essay winner, Olivia Bauman, sponsored by the Anderson Creek Lions Club in District 31-N. She received a \$250.00 award and read her essay to the Lions attending.

(The Peace Poster Contest winner, Mahalia Stainback of District 31-N, was recognized during the Saturday Evening Banquet.)

Elections Committee Chair, PDG Carlton Metts, reported the results of the District elections.

attachment # 1

PDG Ron Staley, Resolutions Committee Chair, presented 12 Resolutions for adoption. Upon motion of the Chair, second by PDG Johnny Berry, the Resolutions were unanimously adopted by show-of-hands. attachments # 2 - 13

Lion Tammy Deppe, Attendance Committee Chair, noted that there has been some difficulty in determining the actual attendance numbers at the Convention. She reported that more than 250 persons paid to attend the Convention. She said the final report will be mailed to District Governors within a week.

PDG Rhett White presented the Credentials Committee Report, indicating that there were 149 Certified Delegates to the Convention. attachment # 14

Constitution and By-Laws Chair Dale Dupree stated that there were no changes to be made.

Upon motion of PDG Gary Steele, second by DGE Curtis Erickson, the voice vote was unanimous to approve the reports as presented.

Lion Harriett Walton, State Convention Chair, announced that the 95th North Carolina Lions State Convention will be hosted by District 31-O in Greensboro at the Greensboro- High Point Marriott, April 27-29, 2018. She extended an invitation for Lions to attend.

PDG Gary Steele thanked the districts and individual Lions for assisting with the Convention Hospitality Room.

PDJ Skippy Jackson presented Gwen White, candidate for International Director, and her spouse Rhett White.

The District Governors presented from their districts the 2017-2018 District Governors-Elect and their spouses, as well as the 1st and 2nd Vice-District Governors and spouses.

Council Chair Tim Williams presented Council Chair-Elect Gary Steele and Liz.

PIP Sid Scruggs presented the flag of Iceland that was used at the Convention to 2nd International Vice-President Gudrun.

The General Session and 2017 North Carolina Lions State Convention was closed with the Benediction by District Governor Butch Conrad and announcement of the receiving line by Council Chair Tim Williams.

This the 30th day of April, 2017.

Rhett B. White, Secretary

Tim Williams, Council Chair

2017-2018 ELECTIONS REPORT

District 31-L

DG Curtis Erickson
1st VDG Alan Lake
2nd VDG Ernest L. Pryor

District 31-I

DG George Culp
1st VDG Carolyn Sprinkle
2nd VDG Jimmy Myers

District 31-O

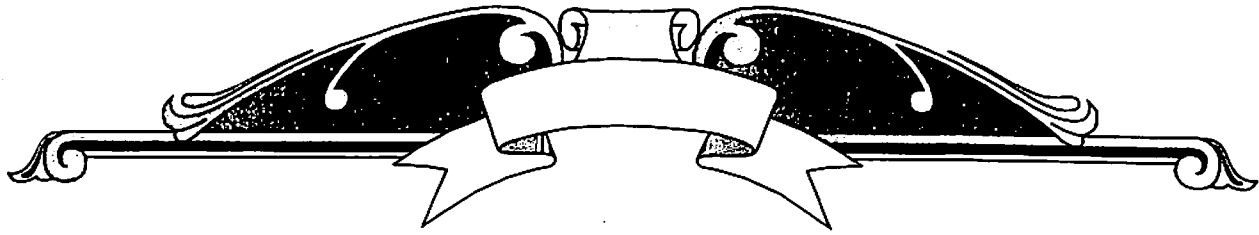
DG Karl Ernst
1st VDG Susan Dailey
2nd VDG Paul Silverman

District 31-N

DG Don Eggert
1st VDG Rahim Shomari
2ND VDG David Cox

District 31-S

DG Stephen McLaurin
1st VDG Nathan Medlin
2nd VDG Harold Bateman



Whereas, The Supreme Being in His infinite wisdom, saw fit to call to his eternal reward during the past year,

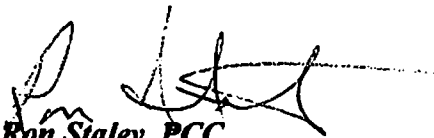
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District 31-S;***

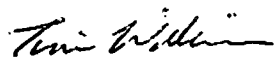
Whereas, District Governor Kenneth E Brantley served with outstanding ability as a District Governor of Lions International; and

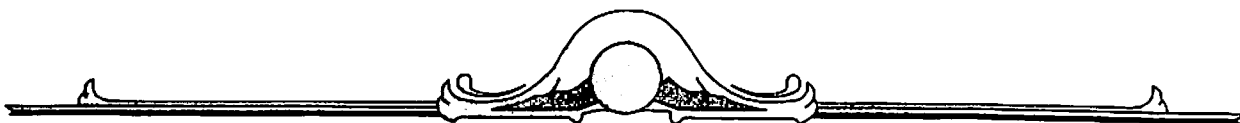
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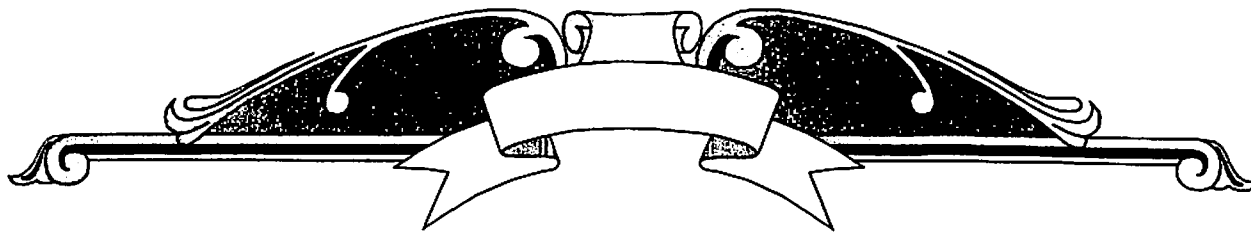
Whereas, he enriched the lives of his associates in service in Lionism and inspired others to strive for greater goals by exemplifying the ideals of the International Association of Lions Clubs; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Lions of Multiple District 31, North Carolina in the convention assembled in Raleigh, North Carolina this 30th day of April, 2017, do hereby express their sorrow in the passing of this distinguished Lion leader, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to his immediate family, to his home club and be entered into the minutes of this 2017 convention.


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Multiple District 31
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District 31-I;***

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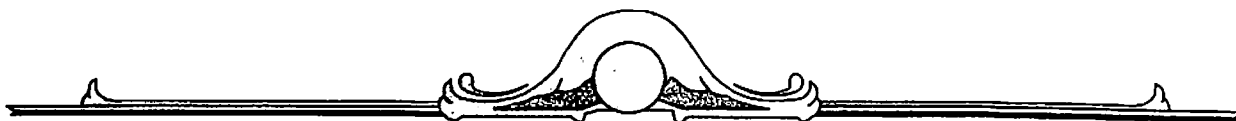
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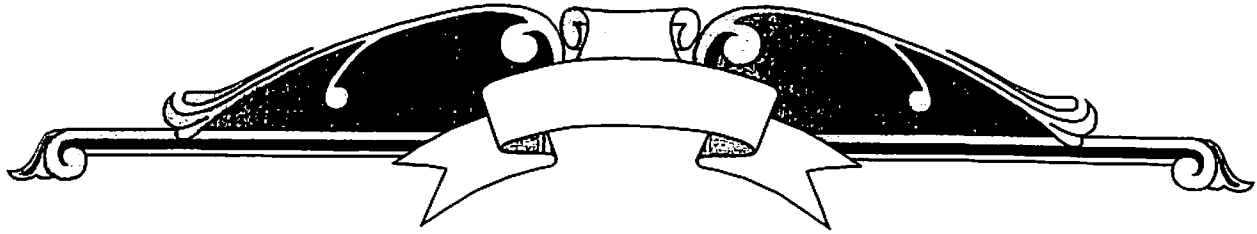
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Lion Raymond N Engleman
District 31-I;***

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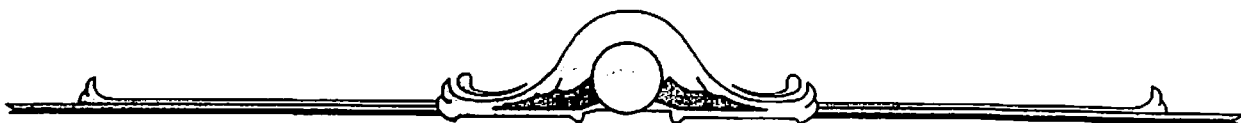
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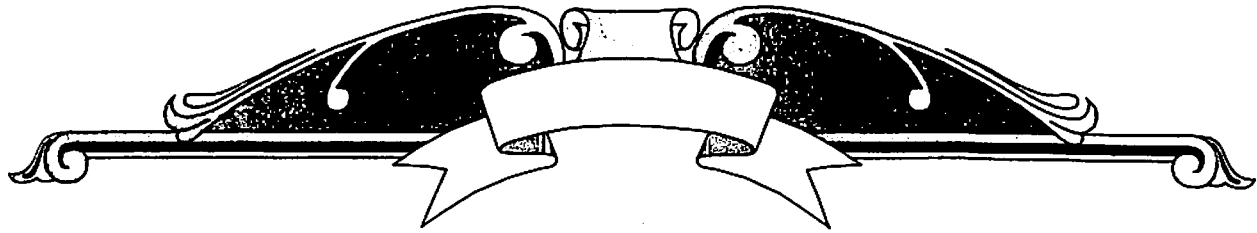
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Lion Oscar "Doc" Evans
District 31-I;***

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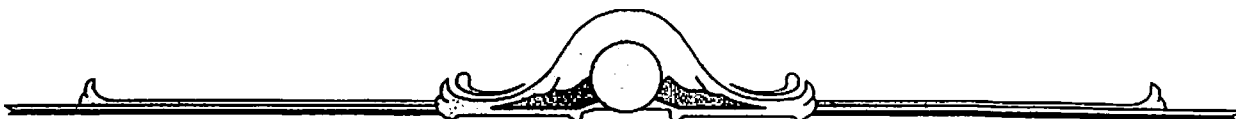
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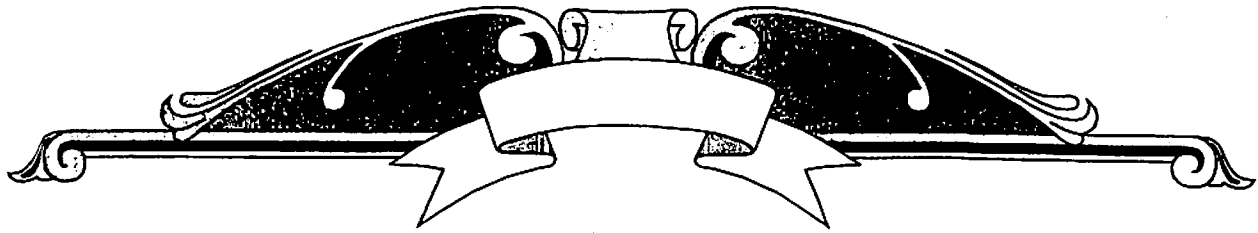
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District 31-O;***

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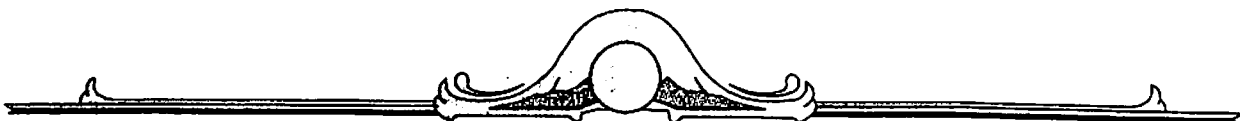
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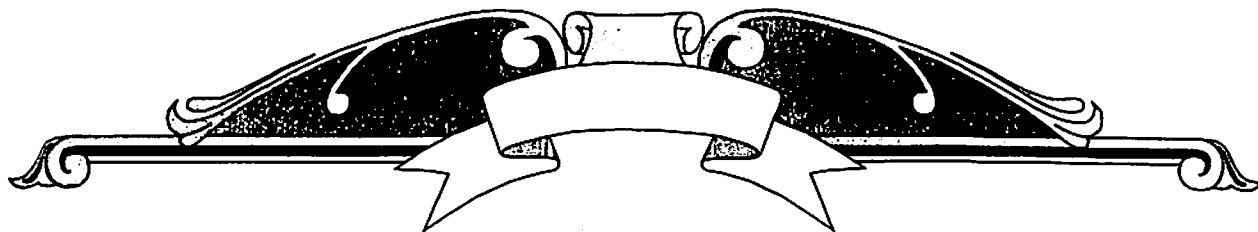
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Lion Ivy C Iversen
District 31-S;***

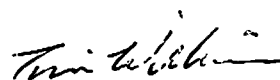
Whereas, District Governor Ivy C Iversen served with outstanding ability as a District Governor of Lions International; and

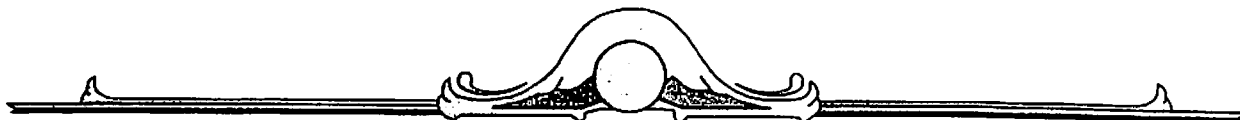
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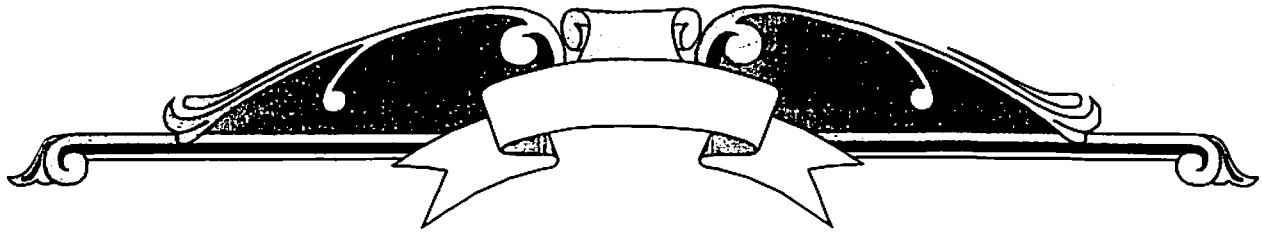
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Lion Melvin Lee Paris
District 31-S;***

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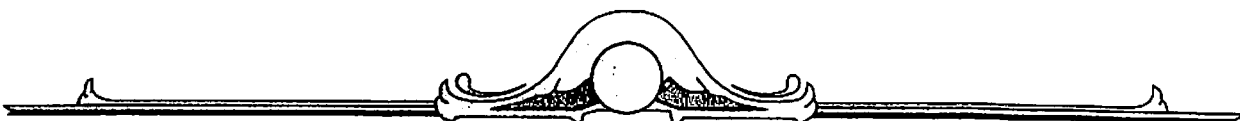
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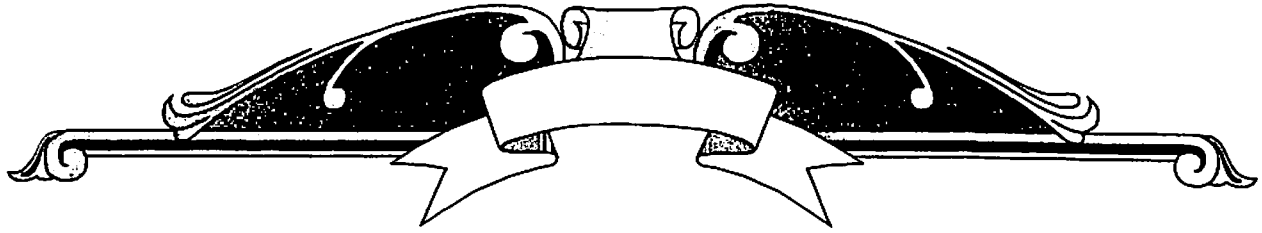
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***District Governor
Lion Charles D Smith
District 31-0;***

Whereas, District Governor Charles D Smith served with outstanding ability as a District Governor of Lions International; and

Whereas, through his dedication and loyal service in Lionism, he encouraged aid to the afflicted, the less fortunate and the handicapped; and

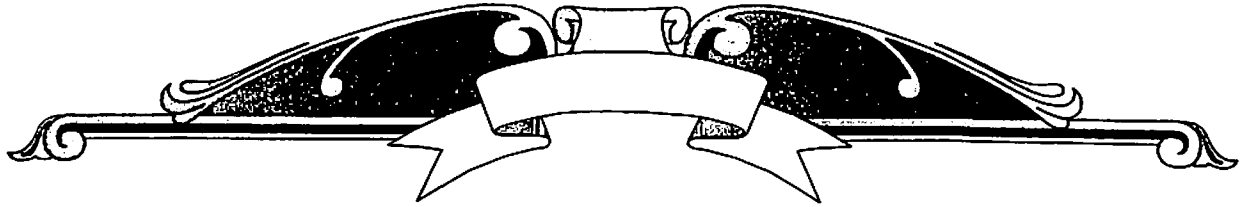
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WHEREAS, the Lions Clubs of District 31-S, North Carolina have sponsored this 2017 North Carolina Lions State Convention in Raleigh, North Carolina;

WHEREAS, their attention to detail has provided comfort and convenience for all Lions, Leos, and Guests attending a beautiful and functional facility; and

WHEREAS, their dedicated service has made our 2017 State Convention a tremendous success, benefitting everyone attending, making our stay here in Raleigh a most pleasant one indeed, enabling each of us to become better informed about Lionism in our great state of North Carolina; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Lions of Multiple District 31, North Carolina, in Convention assembled at Raleigh, North Carolina this 30th day of April, 2017 do hereby express their heartfelt and sincere appreciation to the District 31-S Lions Clubs and to the Members of the Convention Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the district and be entered into the minutes of this convention.

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North Carolina Association of Lions Clubs

General Session

April 30, 2017

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Lions Clubs and the International Association of Lions Clubs since 1917 have worked to prevent blindness, restore eyesight and improve eye health and eye care for hundreds of millions of people worldwide through professional training, the development of healthcare and the wide spread distribution of drug treatment,


WHEREAS, the Lions of North Carolina have established and support major Clinical Eye Research Centers at Wake Forest University, Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill,


WHEREAS the Lions of North Carolina support the collection of tissue for sight-saving surgeries, providing free eye examinations and eyeglasses to the underprivileged, screening the vision of thousands of North Carolinians every year, preventing blindness by providing treatment of those at risk of losing their vision, and recycling over a hundred thousand eyeglasses annually,

WHEREAS the approval of NC House Bill 36 and Senate Bill 342 would needlessly lower the standards of patient safety and quality eye care in North Carolina by allowing optometrists who do not undergo surgical residency training and are not trained to become surgeons; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Lions of Multiple District 31, North Carolina, in Convention assembled at Raleigh, North Carolina this 30th day of April, 2017 do hereby express their heartfelt and sincere opposition to House Bill 36 and Senate Bill 342; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the General Assembly of North Carolina Session 2017, to the Lions of North Carolina and be entered into the minutes of this convention.


Ron Staley, Past Council Chair
Chairman, Resolutions Committee
Multiple District 31
North Carolina


Tim Williams, Past District Governor
Chair, Council of Governors
Multiple District 31
North Carolina

2017 North Carolina District Governors

Max Bumgardner
Irwin Siegelwax

C. R. Conrad

Laraine Dupree
Barbara Beltrane

Past International Officers and Directors from North Carolina

Sid L. Scruggs

Harvey Whitley

Lacy Presnell, Jr

94TH NORTH CAROLINA LIONS STATE CONVENTION CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

SATURDAY REPORT

Delegate certifications will take place in BOARD ROOM 1, from 4 to 5:PM, Saturday, and on Sunday morning from 8 to 9:30, in the same room.

Please see your Cabinet Secretaries or their designee to secure your delegate or alternate certifications.

SUNDAY REPORT

Delegate Certification is as follows:

	Delegates	Alternates
31-L	<u>24</u>	<u>2</u>
31-I	<u>33</u>	<u>0</u>
31-O	<u>24</u>	<u>0</u>
31-N	<u>32</u>	<u>3</u>
31-S	<u>30</u>	<u>1</u>
Totals:	<u>143</u>	<u>6</u>

Total number certified 149