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BRYANT ELECTED HALIFAX REGIONAL CHAIR

ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC (March 10, 2011)—Vernon Bryant, an active community leader, has been elected chair of the Board of Directors of Halifax Regional.

Bryant succeeds Johnny Draper, who has served as Chairman for the past two years. Draper will continue as a member of the Board.

“The Medical Center is moving in the right direction,” said Bryant. “We offer great services, have excellent physicians and keep our facilities and equipment up to date.”

Bryant is a member of the Halifax County Board of Commissioners, president of Exodus of Youth, Inc., which mentors at-risk youth, a director of the Dallas Jones Veteran’s Museum and a Realtor with Heaton Real Estate. He retired from the North Carolina Division of Community Corrections, where he was Judicial District Manager for Halifax County.

In addition, Bryant has been chairman of the Roanoke Rapids Board of Education, chairman of the Board of Deacons of First Baptist Church of Weldon and Chairman of the State Employee’s Credit Union Advisory Committee.

Officers of the Board are:

- Vernon Bryant, Chairman;
- Bob Patterson, Vice Chairman;
- Tom Lynch, Treasurer;
- James Pierce, Secretary;
- Gerardo Maradiaga, MD, Chief of Staff;
- Johnny Draper, past Chairman;
- Will Mahone, President & CEO

Members of the board are Hugh Bazemore, Drewery Beale, Earnest Barner, Evelyn Dawson, Fannie P. Greene, William Hodge, Shiva K. Rao, MD, and Rev. John W. Smith.

Board members serve three year terms as volunteers, representing the community in making policy for Halifax Regional.

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About Halifax Regional

Halifax Regional Medical Center is licensed for 204 beds, including psychiatric and nursery. A non-profit organization, Halifax Regional is fully accredited by the Joint Commission. For more information, visit www.halifaxregional.org.