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NORTH CAROLINA DIRECTOR OF SCORE RETIRES

Charlotte, NC – Mr. Frank Butler of Greensboro has retired as North Carolina State District Director of the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE). Mr. Butler served over 16 years with the organization, including 11 as District Director. Don Patience, of SCORE Chapter #0283 in Wilmington assumed the position effective October 1, 2003.

SCORE is a nonprofit association dedicated to entrepreneur education and the formation, growth and success of small business nationwide. SCORE is a resource partner of the SBA, which provides funding and resources to the organization. SCORE Association volunteers serve as "Counselors to America's Small Business." Working and retired executives and business owners donate their time and expertise as volunteer business counselors and provide confidential counseling and mentoring free of charge.

During his tenure as District Director, approximately 64,000 clients received counseling, and over 300 workshops were held in the 14 SCORE chapters in the state. SCORE has chapters in Asheville, Asheboro, Chapel Hill, Charlotte, Durham, Greensboro, Hendersonville, High Point, Kill Devil Hills, Morehead City, New Bern, Raleigh, Southern Pines and Wilmington.

Frank has over 40 years industry experience in Finance, Human Resources and Compensation and Benefits. He has worked for companies such as CPC International (Corn Products Corp.) and the Cone Mills Corporation. Cone Mills is one of America's leading textile manufacturers for apparel and home furnishings.

Frank will continue to serve on the National SCORE advisory board.

"Thanks to Frank for his years of service, using his time and experience to assist North Carolina small business owners." said Lee Cornelison, SBA North Carolina District Director.

Don Patience has been associated with SCORE for 12 years and held positions such as Chapter Vice Chairman, Secretary and NC Assistant District Director. Mr. Patience has over 40 years experience in medical device research and development. After his retirement he opened his own consulting business, Patience & Associates.

For more information about SCORE, call the Wilmington Chapter at (910) 815-4576, the Greensboro Chapter at (336) 333-5399, or visit www.score.org.

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