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HONORING WBT RADIO

HON. DAN BISHOP
OF NORTH CAROLINA
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Mr. BISHOP. Today, I rise to pay tribute to WBT Radio on the 100th anniversary of its founding. For over a century, WBT has helped inform and entertain residents of the City of Charlotte — my hometown. Charles Kuralt, Billy Graham, Rush Limbaugh, and Charlotte's John Hancock are just some of the voices that have come through WBT's airwaves in the past, and that tradition continues in the broadcasts of names like Bo Thompson, Vince Coakley, and Pete Kaliner.

WBT traces its origins from early broadcasts by radio amateurs who set up a transmitter in an abandoned chicken coop. These sporadic transmissions later expanded into playing phonograph records over the air, and then into the broadcasts we know and love today. The U.S. Department of Commerce officially granted WBT a broadcast license on April 10, 1922. At the time, it was only the third licensed radio station in the United States and the first in the entire Southeast.

I am proud to honor WBT Radio on their 100th anniversary. Here is to 100 more years of radio excellence from the station heard "from Maine to Miami."

Dan Bishop

Congressman Dan Bishop (NC-09)