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Audubon Statement on Retirement of “Conservation Giant” Rep. Chuck McGrady

DURHAM, NC – Audubon is grateful for the service of Rep. Chuck McGrady, who announced today he won’t seek reelection next year after five terms in office. Below is a statement from Audubon North Carolina Executive Director Andrew Hutson.

“Rep. Chuck McGrady is a true giant for conservation in North Carolina. In an era of partisan politics, Rep. McGrady stands out as both a collaborator and independent thinker willing to fight for the conservation values he holds dear, especially for the state’s conservation trust funds that have proven critical to protecting important bird habitat across the state. As a Teddy Roosevelt Republican, he has shown us all that conservation in North Carolina is a big tent movement that transcends political divides. Audubon thanks Rep. McGrady for his many years of service and the lasting imprint he has made on protecting our land, water and wildlife,” Hutson says.

The National Audubon Society protects birds and the places they need, today and tomorrow, throughout the Americas using science, advocacy, education and on-the-ground conservation. Audubon’s state programs, nature centers, chapters and partners have an unparalleled wingspan that reaches millions of people each year to inform, inspire and unite diverse communities in conservation action. Since 1905, Audubon’s vision has been a world in which people and wildlife thrive. Audubon is a nonprofit conservation organization. Learn more at www.audubon.org and [@audubonsociety](https://twitter.com/audubonsociety). Audubon North Carolina, a state program of the National Audubon Society, has offices in Durham, Boone, Corolla, and Wilmington. Learn more at www.nc.audubon.org and on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/audubonnc) at [@audubonnc](https://twitter.com/audubonnc).