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Keith Crisco, North Carolina Commerce Secretary

Wayne Donaldson, Director Business Development, Republic Refrigeration

Michael Wilson, Canadian Ambassador to the U.S.

Walter Teeter, Owner and President of Republic Refrigeration

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Ambassador Wilson's Visit to North Carolina

Washington, D.C., May 8, 2009 — Ambassador Wilson's April 8 - 9, 2009 visit to North Carolina's largest cities (Raleigh and Charlotte) featured a variety of strong anchor events including a meeting with Governor Bev Perdue, and a luncheon with NC Secretary of Commerce and key business leaders with a Canadian presence. In Charlotte, the Ambassador met with senior executives at Lowe's, including the current and former presidents of Lowe's Canada. Following that, the Ambassador gave a keynote address at the World Affairs Council (WAC) luncheon followed by calls on Wells Fargo (Wachovia) and Bank of America – the two leaders of Charlotte's financial services sector. The day was capped off by a dinner with key business/community leaders in Charlotte, including Mayor Pat McCrory and Jim Turner, Duke Energy Group Executive President and chairman of Charlotte City Center Partners. For more information on Canada-North Carolina trade, please see our [State Trade Fact Sheet](#).

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