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## Miss Watson Files For Seat In House

Anne Watson, 30, of the Gold Rock Community, filed Monday as a candidate in the May 2 Democratic Primary for one of the four seats in the General Assembly allotted to the Seventh House District, made up of Nash, Wilson and Edgecombe Counties.

If elected, she said she would like to serve on committees related to agriculture, education and health care.

"Having been reared on a farm, I am especially eager to work to insure the continued strength of our agriculturally-based economy in Nash, Edgecombe and Wilson Counties, as well as the continued expansion of our efforts to attract high-quality industry," she said. "The private sector has a big role to play in solving our unemployment problem. I also intend to be involved in efforts to reduce the number of students in each classroom, to provide more funding for exceptional children, including the gifted and talented, and to secure a cost-of-living raise for teachers."

Miss Watson expressed concern that many citizens are not registered to vote.

"Many people have told me that they don't bother to register because they think their votes will not make a difference. But the political and legislative process influences all of us daily, and I would consider it a privilege to serve the people of the Seventh District. The citizens who exercise their right to vote are the back-

bone of a democracy."

Miss Watson attended Whitakers Elementary School for eight years and graduated from Rocky Mount Senior High in 1966. She was on the Dean's List at Meredith College and graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill with a B. A. degree in American Studies.

She has worked as a secretary in the Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic and the Personnel Department at N. C. Memorial Hospital and as a substitute teacher in the Nash County school system. She is on the board of directors at Watson Seed Farms and sells hybrid seed corn for her family's company.

She is currently serving as first vice-chairman of

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## Anne Watson Seeking Seat

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North Whitakers No. 1 Precinct, and is a former third vice-chairman of the Nash County Democratic Executive Committee, immediate past president of the Nash County Democratic Women, and a former secretary of the Nash County Young Democrats. She was an at-large Carter delegate to the 1976 Democratic National Convention.

Miss Watson is a member of the Nash County Farm Bureau, a former board member of the Nash-Edgecombe chapter of the American Cancer Society, and a former coordinator of the Nash County Keep North Carolina Beautiful committee. She is a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Rocky Mount.

A native of Edgecombe County, Miss Watson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Watson Sr. of Gold Rock, and the granddaughter of the late Dr. James A. Speight and Mavis Griffin Speight of Edgecombe County and of the late State Senator Van S. Watson Sr., a former Rocky Mount mayor, and Ruth Benedict Watson of Nash County. She has three brothers.

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