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Bridge II Sports hosts Swearing-In Ceremony for State Representative Kanika Brown

DURHAM, N.C. — **January 19, 2023** — North Carolina non-profit Bridge II Sports was honored to host the Swearing-In Ceremony for new North Carolina State Representative Kanika Brown on their campus Wednesday January 18 at 1pm. Led by Dr. Marcus Barr, Ms. Brown took the oath of office in her signature cowboy hat surrounded by athletes with disabilities and community supporters. Bridge II Sports is a North Carolina non-profit committed to creating opportunities for people with physical disabilities through the power of adapted sports.

"When we were asked to accommodate her swearing-in, we were deeply moved. It signals to us and to the population we serve, her alignment with our mission. Kanika will be another active voice in the State House to help move us towards fulfilling the Bridge II Sports Vision." said David Smith, BIIS Director of Programs.

Prior to starting at Bridge II Sports, David managed a Community Center in Winston-Salem's Southeast Ward. While there, Kanika Brown, a prominent community leader in Winston-Salem provided David invaluable support in revitalizing a historically neglected facility. When Ms. Brown heard about David's new position she immediately felt moved by the mission of Bridge II Sports — especially the EveryBODYPlaysNC school initiative that brings immersive disability education through sport into schools for all students. As a firm believer in equal access for all and her strong commitment to serve as an advocate for marginalized groups, she is eager to make her voice heard on the state level to create change for people with disabilities.

About Bridge II Sport

Bridge II Sports is a North Carolina non-profit organization dedicated to developing and implementing opportunities for youth, adults, and Veterans with physical disabilities to realize their potential through sports participation. Through sports programming, special events, awareness initiatives and team development, Bridge II Sports empowers persons with physical disabilities to "Find the Player Within" and challenge perceptions of disability. It is the power of adapted sports that builds healthy bodies, minds, impacting the community with strength. For more information on Bridge II Sports visit www.bridge2sports.org

