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BEMC OFFERS COOPERATIVE YOUTH TOUR TO LOCAL STUDENTS

SUPPLY, N.C. (October 16, 2018) – Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation (BEMC) will send two high school students, one from Brunswick County and one from the Columbus County area, on an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. in June of 2019 through the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour.

The students will join peers from North Carolina and across the United States for a week-long adventure where they will meet their Congressional Representatives and Senators, tour historic sites and visit museums. They will also establish a mini-cooperative during the week, gaining valuable insight into the cooperative business model and how it works. While student groups are organized at the state level, they all gather for Youth Day where they meet to hear featured speakers who provide insight to the important roles electric cooperatives play in their communities. Nearly 50,000 students from rural areas and small towns across America have participated in this educational program.

“This is a valuable opportunity for local students to see government in action, to meet with policy makers, experience our Nation’s Capital, and to learn how cooperatives work,” said Don Hughes, CEO and General Manager of BEMC. “There are also college scholarship contests associated with participating in the Youth Tour. It’s a great program all around, and we’re proud to be a part of it.”

Applications are open to all high school juniors and seniors in BEMC’s service area, and are available at the cooperative’s website, bemc.org. Students are required to submit an essay and a completed application by January 15, 2019. Winners will be notified by February 1, 2019. Learn more about Youth Tour at www.ncelectriccooperatives.com/in-the-community/youth-tour.

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BEMC is a locally owned and operated not-for-profit corporation. It is the second largest electric cooperative in North Carolina and serves nearly 97,000 member locations in Brunswick, Columbus, and parts of Bladen and Robeson counties. Founded in 1939, BEMC has a longstanding commitment to the communities it serves, providing support for a wide variety of activities that contribute to the quality of life for all citizens.