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Felicia, Payton, Preston, Rep. Sparks
Rep. Sparks and his wife just recently celebrated 29 years of marriage.

**“Every opinion matters,
your thoughts, ideas and concerns
are very important to me.”
– Rep. Mike Sparks**

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Dear Friend:

Serving as your State Representative has truly been one of the highest honors of my professional career and I thank you for the privilege. The 110th General Assembly accomplished many good things and our district has benefited tremendously.

There has been more capital investment in our county in the past four years than in the previous 20 years combined, helping both new and existing businesses expand and hire new workers. Rutherford County has experienced quick growth over the last several years and we are committed to creating a world class education system not only for our local residents, but also to attract the best and brightest from other areas of the state and country. With that in mind, we have invested state funds in building our new MTSU science building, the 40 million dollar investment in Smyrna/Nissan Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT), which has been the second largest investment in Smyrna (second to Nissan), as well as a 27 million dollar investment for a new building at Motlow College.

With all the capital investments and improvements to our roads, bridges, education, and more I know each one of you have concerns you would like to be addressed by your State Legislature, which is why I am sending you this survey. When you fill it out, you are serving your community by providing input on issues you feel need to be addressed when they come up for debate this coming year.

Please review and complete the survey, your ideas and opinions are very important to me. I will personally read each survey and keep your personal reply in confidence. Your feedback will help us move forward together as I think about possible legislation.

Thank you, again. As always, if I may ever be of assistance to you, do not hesitate to contact my office 615-741-6829. I want you to know that I am always available, so feel welcome to contact me on my personal cellphone 615-525-3198. You can also reach me via email at: rep.mike.sparks@capitol.tn.gov

Sincerely,

Representative Michael J. Sparks

Representative Mike Sparks and members of the community are pictured with the proclamation sent to the family of the Late Blue Angel Capt. Jeff Kuss



Pictured are: Trish Nash, Rep. Sparks, Angie Hawn and Son Spencer Hawn, Ginny and David Williams

P. S. To keep up with the legislature and legislation, please visit our website at www.capitol.tn.gov

Voter #1 **Voter #2**
Yes No Unsure **Yes No Unsure**

1. Should it be up to a county to decide whether their School Superintendent is elected or appointed?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Should medical marijuana be legalized (In non-smoking form with prescription and strict Doctor Supervision) ?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3. With the recent school shootings, should Tennessee allow teachers with a concealed carry permit and proper training be allowed to carry a firearm while at school?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Should Tennessee pass legislation for “constitutional carry of firearms”? This is defined as any person without a felony may openly carry their weapon without a permit process.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5. Please check the top three issues you believe are the most important issues which face our state. <input type="checkbox"/> a. Education <input type="checkbox"/> b. Immigration <input type="checkbox"/> c. Taxes <input type="checkbox"/> d. Gun Rights <input type="checkbox"/> e. Jobs & Workforce Development <input type="checkbox"/> f. Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> g. Healthcare <input type="checkbox"/> h. Other _____		
6. Should the Tennessee General Assembly help find ways to encourage more affordable housing?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7. Do you think the media portrays Christianity and family values negatively?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8. Tourism is Tennessee’s No.2 industry, behind agriculture and it reached \$19.3 billion in economic impact in 2017, contributing more than \$1.7 billion in state and local sales tax revenue. Much of our tourism is due to our state’s rich history, such as civil war sites, monuments and historical landmarks. As your voice is it important to you, for me to bring awareness to the importance of ‘Tennessee’s Rich History,’ and it’s correlation to jobs and economic impact?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9. Given the difficulties in implementing online TNReady achievement tests, the legislature and state department of education may conduct a comprehensive review of student testing- generally, do you think too much time and emphasis is placed on testing in grades K-12?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
10. Should Tennessee have an educational choice program where parents could use opportunity scholarships to choose the best school for their child, public or private?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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11. Are you in favor of increasing the minimum wage in Tennessee?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
12. I recently passed a resolution to help bring awareness to the fatherless epidemic in America. According to the U.S. census bureau, 24 million children, 1 out of 3, live without their biological father in the home. This is obviously an issue that we cannot legislate. What are your ideas to help impact children with a positive male role model in their lives?		

13. As your elected State Representative your opinions and suggestions are important to me. Do you have any suggestions on how I can better communicate with you?		

To request more information about any of these issues please email your request to:
rep.mike.sparks@capitol.tn.gov

Please refold the survey with the return address on the outside.
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