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Greetings, Fabulous Folks of the Fortieth District!

Here's to believing you and yours are filled with Light, full of Hope and fixed on being the best "You" can be wherever the good Lord has planted you.

It has been one week since Speaker Harwell gaveled the 109th General Assembly to begin the people's business. Honored and humbled to faithfully support the Constitution of this State and of this great Nation, in all appointments, it is a privilege afforded to me by you, to serve. I am ready to be the best I can be, to grow a wiser heart, learn more from you and work hard, together, as we take Tennessee forward to even better achievements. Now that committee assignments have been made, I am thrilled to be serving again as Chair of Transportation Sub, and also serving in the full standing committee of Criminal Justice.

Please be encouraged to navigate the Tennessee General Assembly's newly designed website. It is especially user-friendly and is a terrific tool to stay abreast of the legislation that is topic for this 109th session. These next couple of weeks, members are encouraged to prepare legislation so it can begin going through the process of readings and committee assignments, before being brought to the House floor. Our committee system is a good one, as it vetts concerns with thorough debate on both sides of the issue before a House Bill (HB) gets an up or down vote. Not serving on the education committee, a change was approved by all House members to make two standing committees for education: one for Administration and Planning, and the other will address Instruction and Programs. Again, the Tennessee General Assembly website will give you information, and the members who are to serve on sub and standing committees are pictured.

If you have never been to the Legislative Plaza, may I suggest making 2015 a year in which to watch the process. Call my office, 615-741-2192, and Grace will assist you. Having you there to experience it with me would be awesome!

Before February 2, when we begin a special session called by Governor Haslam, there will be meetings, coffees, and community events in district 40, discussing very challenging issues such as: the Governor's Insure Tennessee Waiver, legalizing marijuana, student assessment tests, how to fund and improve our state transportation infrastructure going forward, and the ever-continual pushing back unfunded federal mandates and preempting state authority with unwarranted federal overreach. On the docket for discussion will also be legislation that I will continue, on Welfare Reform, Immigration, States Sovereignty, and Babies Born Addicted to Narcotics. I value your input, and hope to see you at my Coffee Conversations each Friday at 7:30 a.m. Check out www.weaverhouse40.com for locations and dates updated for 2015.

It is my intention to deliver to you a weekly "Loop" giving you an update through the lens of your State Rep on the issues at hand and the happenings on the hill when we are in full swing beginning February 2. I value your input--email or call my office. We will be making decisions on issues that will affect your way and my way of life.

Blessings,
Terri Lynn