

## July 1, 2011 - The "Loop"

Greetings! I pray this week's Loop finds you and yours blessed. It has been a very busy and productive week in the 40th district. Not only does a State Representative pass laws in Nashville, but most importantly must be a voice to bring tax dollars back to the rural areas in order to improve much needed infrastructure such as bridges and roads. We were honored to have Governor Haslam join us on the bridge in Smith County confirming again his support by announcing the planned rehabilitation of the Cordell Hull Bridge. Closed since 2007 this bridge is vital to those I represent and one example of why the quote "If one must lead one must be a bridge" is framed in my Nashville office. Our district is surrounded by water having many bridges that are in need of repair and or replacement. I thank the Governor for being a man of his word returning to tell my constituency who also stood with him on that hot Saturday afternoon to hear the good news.

Tuesday morning kicked off the first stop of "TDOT Project Tour 2011" across the state in Smithville! Commissioner Schroer, along with project engineers and staff visited the Bridge projects underway in DeKalb County. I want to thank the local officials as well as businesses represented who rode along in the big bus while Chief Engineer Paul Degges explained the procedures and plans underway. My applause, there is NO debt service because we did NOT borrow money! Woo hoo! Last and certainly not least much appreciation and respect to the Commissioner who sees the value of witnessing first hand the construction sites and meeting the very folks who will travel across some of Tennessee's highest bridge crossings. Commissioner also joined me for an interview via phone a few days later about his tour for those who could not attend Tuesdays visit. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Closing out the week in Macon County by an invitation from local officials, I am also focused on bringing attention to a county not surrounded by water but in need of road improvements. Infrastructure such as state of the art internet service (already in place through a large grant given last year) plus the improvements needed to provide a safe and efficient airport will draw the attention to business's looking to relocate and or grow their business bringing jobs, jobs, jobs!

As you can see no grass grows under the feet of this State Representative. I work hard for you because it is work worth doing. You remain a priority and it is a pleasure to serve you especially because you are the fabulous folks of the fortieth! Smithville Jamboree, Knollwood Manor fireworks, Lancaster Independence Day Parade and the Wilson County fireworks are on my radar so I hope to have seen you at one of these events. Happy Birthday USA and how blessed we are to live in this great State, Tennessee. My office number is 615-741-2192 never hesitate to call on me.

Blessings!