

Speech at Union County Republican Convention

March 13, 2010

Ladies & Gentlemen,

THIS is the year for us to Take Back this State!

THIS is the year for us to right this Ship!

THIS is the year for us to:

- Stop the Slide
- Stop Government Excess, and
- Stop Government Intrusion in our lives and in our businesses!

This election year, we have a great opportunity to regain a majority in our state legislature.

With a Republican majority, WE CAN – AND WE WILL:

- Put NC citizens back to work
- Develop the energy resources to create new jobs and lead the move to energy independence for this country.
- Stop the economic drain of lost jobs, lost companies and lost residents

WE CAN – AND WE WILL:

- Build the road network that we need, we deserve and we have paid for

WE CAN – AND WE WILL:

- Support our schools
- get value for our educational dollar
- allow parents to choose the right schools for their children and
- make North Carolina the Educational Leader in this county

WE CAN – AND WE WILL:

- Reduce our state debt and not leave our children and grandchildren choking in debt

WE CAN – AND WE WILL:

- Make lawmakers subject to the very laws that they enact
- Allow citizens to not just get by, but to PROSPER

As a candidate for the NC House of Representatives, District 68, I believe that the answer to our fiscal challenges is **NOT** higher taxes.

I believe that there are workable solutions available to enhance our children's learning and improve test scores WITHOUT creating additional hardships for taxpayers.

I will work to have North Carolina set the standard for education nationally. And I will work to create markets and opportunities for our crops and our locally-produced goods WITHOUT establishing another government-subsidized program.

I will work to bring common sense ideas from the citizens of Union County straight to the North Carolina House of Representatives.

Over the past few weeks, I have already visited hundreds of homes throughout the district to listen to what is on their minds and what is on your minds, and to hear what is important to these families and encourage them to get more involved.

I ask for your support, your prayers and your vote that will send me to the North Carolina House of Representatives, District 68.