

BRENT ROBERSON

NC HOUSE DISTRICT 23

My name is Brent Roberson, and I am running for NC District 23. Before I ask for your vote, it is imperative that I tell you about myself and my political agenda. I am a logger and contractor that lives in that same community in which I grew up in Martin County. Other than while in college at NC State University and a short time while working, I have always resided in the same community.

I work alongside my guys each day and I am about as blue collar as it gets. I truly understand what it takes for small businesses and my employees to get by. I understand the burdens of our loggers, farmers, truckers, construction workers and the like, because I am one.

I have been married to my wife Anita for 24 years and together we have two children. Mary Spencer, who is a senior at Ole Miss and Liam, who just graduated high school and will attend ECU next Fall. To keep my mind active, I have gone to multiple schools over the years and received numerous licenses that range from Auctioneer to Helicopter Pilot. I also spend a great deal of my time thinking about the problems that plague our country and local community to try to see if together we can change our communities.

A couple of years ago, I was praying and complaining to God about our nation, when the thought came to me that I should do something or stop complaining. It was at that time that I decided to run for Congress. It was during that same time, I had the opportunity to go to Rocky Mount to help build and deliver beds to kids in need. This was an eye-opening experience for me. I had been so caught up in my own life that I had totally missed the fact that my neighbors had children that did not even have a bed. Since that time, myself along with a core group of people and our community have started building beds for the children of Martin County. It was during a delivery, while looking down at a child's big eyes, I realized that I needed to make sure that not only did he have a bed, but he had that opportunity to succeed in our country.

So, whether you are black or white, male or female, Democrat or Republican, we need to come together to build a country, state and community that gives all our children the opportunity to succeed. It is for this reason that a large portion of my ideas and proposed policies are formed around the idea of helping our children.

I support:

- That we rebuild our public schools to be the best that they can become. The public school system is the lifeblood of our community and the better the school system, the better our community. "As goes our public school system, so goes the community!"
- That we implement a High School curriculum that will allow children seeking higher education the ability to go to college and at the same time teach children who don't want to go to college a vocational trade like, mechanics, welding, electrical, plumbing, CDL drivers, pilots, etc....
- That when a child graduates with a vocational trade, we make it possible for the child to obtain their professional licenses when they qualify.
- That we make low interest loans available to these young adults to start their businesses
- That we lower that property tax burden on farming and logging equipment
- That we identify and document people who are not citizens who live in our community so that while they are here, we can tax their wages.
- That we work with insurance companies to lower the insurance rates on our houses, automobiles and businesses

These are a few ideas that I feel are important to our District.

Recently, the Edgecombe County School System didn't receive the \$4,000,000.00 owed to it, simply because my opponent, Representative Willingham, never even asked for the money. That's not good representation!

I fully believe that if we work together, we can build a better state for our children and show them what Loving our Neighbors look like!

Thanks, and please vote! "Hopefully for me!"



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