



SPARKS' OPPONENT CONDEMNS "BIGOTED" REMARKS

MURFREESBORO, TENN. (Aug. 3, 2016) – State House candidate Brandon Thomas is calling out Rep. Mike Sparks (R-Smyrna) for his comments on religion and civil rights.

He told reporters on Wednesday, "Rep. Sparks cannot claim that he represents all of this district when he intentionally casts certain groups of people aside with comments like we saw today." Thomas continued, "These remarks are bigoted and disgusting. A real leader stands up for all the people, not just for a favored few."

Sparks' post mentioned the well-known Islamic Center of Murfreesboro and LGBT flags. An issue that Thomas jumped on quickly.

"The great thing about our state and nation is that we accept those of all races and religions. For Rep. Sparks to use that as a way to divide people is unacceptable. This is a perfect example of his failed leadership and why I am challenging him."

Sparks of Smyrna is running for reelection and faces a Thursday GOP primary against Aaron Holladay of La Vergne, who is a member of the Rutherford County Board of Education. The winner of that race will face Thomas in the November election.

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