



RON SPARKS (D)

Home town: Fort Payne

Military Service: United States Coast Guard

Schools: Northeast Alabama Community college

Honors: 2006 Friend of Labor, Alabama AFL-CIO; Innovative Alabama Governments Award, Auburn Montgomery Center for Government at Auburn University

Background: Sparks was a successful businessman in the Ft. Payne area and was very active in the local community. In 1993 he was appointed Director of the DeKalb County 911 System and was instrumental in designing and implementing the on-line program. In 1998, he was elected State President of Alabama 911. In 1999, Sparks was appointed Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture & Industries. In 2002 Sparks was elected as Alabama's commissioner of Agriculture and was re-elected in 2006. Spark's is term limited and cannot run for re-election in 2010.

Issues: LifeStart Scholarship Lottery Program

Family Tax Burden

Gambling in Alabama

Medicaid

Roads and Bridges

Webpage: <http://www.sparks2010.com/>