

Dear Neighbor,

I hope that this message finds you well. Please take a moment to review this legislative update that my office has prepared. The purpose of each digital legislative update is to provide you with quality information, resources, and events.

From the desk of Rep

There are two very important elections (the primary & the general) taking place this year. I ask and encourage you to participate in both elections. This is a presidential election year with many local issues and candidates competing for your vote. It is important to be knowledgeable and informed with the issues and the people on your ballot. You may see a preview of your ballot by contacting your local board of elections and/or by visiting their website. Remember, all politics are local and you have a real say in what goes on in your communities. Early voting began on February 21st and ends on March 18th. Be sure to vote and to spread the word about voting!

## Important Dates

- Observation of Black History Month February 1st 29th
- February 21st March 19th Voting for the Primary Election
- October 7th deadline to register to vote in the November General Election
- November 5th General Election Day

During the month of February, we celebrated Black History month by honoring several individuals for their courage, efforts, and dedication to improving the lives of others in our community and world. These folks are touted and recognized as "Difference Makers" for the work that they have done & are doing. Please join me in recognizing them as well as the difference makers in your communities.



Ohio Agriculture Day with our friends from Ottawa, Wood, Lucas, and Fulton counties



Call to Duty Ceremony for the 1483rd Transportation Company of the Ohio Army National Guard. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers and thank them for their service







I would like to thank everyone who attended and participated in *An Evening with State Representative Elgin Rogers, Jr.* It was a great evening filled with great people, great food, wonderful music, and insightful information. Please join my office in the fall as we recognize another set of "Difference Makers" from our district. If you have any suggestions of individuals who are worthy of this distinction please contact my office by email (rep44@ohiohouse.gov) with their names and contact information. Please be sure to include the reason why you would like them to be considered.

Again, thank you to the men and women who volunteered and helped make the evening a tremendous success. Thank you to my Legislative Assistant Nate for his work in helping to make the event a reality. A warm shoutout to Darleen Woods, Willa Ashford, Yvette Faulkner, Debbie Scott, Brenda Lee Mitchell, Johnny Hutton, and Ben Fletcher, Sr. I am grateful to each of you for giving back to the District.

Sincerely,

Elgin Rogers, Jr.



Black History Month is an opportunity to identify and acknowledge the contributions that people of African descent and their allies have made throughout history. Black History Month provides us the opportunity to reflect upon the struggle and progress that African Americans continue to make. This Black History Month, we are celebrating the Difference Makers in our community. Difference Makers are people who have made or are making a difference in the lives of others. Please join us in recognizing those who continue to make a difference!



Charlon Dewberry, Attorney and the first African American female Judge in Defiance County



Mark/Faye Lyons, Community Advocates - Fairside Community Center



Ed and Avie Dixon, Educators and Directors of the Marching 100



David Fleetwood, Business Manager with Laborers Local 500



Johnnye Van Buren Warnsley, M. Ed., a Master Educator



Rev. I.J. Johnson, Civil Rights Activist, Pastor, and Founder of Fairside Com-



Dr. Carnel Smith, Principal of Jesup W. Scott High School



Erik Johnson, Ivy Entrepreneur Institute Founder and Board President



Theresa Gabriel, dedicated City of Toledo and Lucas County public servant



Rev. Curley Johnson, Director of the Fairside Community Center



1483rd Transportation Company of the Ohio Army National Guard



**Photo Gallery** 



Cindy Ross and Dawn Thompson from Bowling Green State University's Career Tech Workforce Education Program



Please join me in welcoming our intern, Rayvon Braziel. He is a student from District 44 and was the Valedictorian of the class of 2021 at Jesup W. Scott High School. He is now a student at The Ohio State University and is a member of the Undergraduate Student Government with aspirations of becoming its next speaker.



Ryan Lee, Edward Ewers, and Michael Harrigan from PENTA Career Center



Happy birthday to Mr. James Kizer