

Press Statement

Jacksonville, FL September 30, 2016: Approximately 24 hours ago, we were all shocked to learn that State Representative Reggie Fullwood pleaded guilty to two of the charges for which he had been indicted in federal court. In addition to being shocked, I must admit that I was personally saddened. Politics aside, I know that Reggie Fullwood is a man with children, family, and many friends who share his pain. I am among those people. As a pastor, I am in the business of lifting people when they are down, and this situation is no exception. This morning, when my wife and I prayed together as we do every day, we prayed for him, hoping that God would give him peace, and that the courts would recognize how well he has served our community as decisions are made at his sentencing. I am further hopeful that, as a young man, he will be able to overcome this situation, and resume a life of service and productivity for the greater good of our community..

As his opponent in the general election, I made an early decision to not use his legal problems to promote my own campaign. The reason why we constantly have low voter registration and turnout is because people are just plain tired of all of the negativity in politics. Instead, I have run and will continue to run my campaign on the merits of my hard work in educating students, providing job opportunities, fighting crime, and helping to transform Eureka Gardens and other neighborhoods with similar characteristics. There is much work to be done in District 13 and all of northeast Florida. It is my desire to go to Tallahassee with the rest of our delegation to bring back to northeast Florida our fair share of the resources. As we keep taxes low, I will work to address jobs, funding for education, and resources for many of our underserved communities. While I've always thought that I was the best candidate in the District 13 race, the recent events make that even more apparent.

Reggie Fullwood is a good man who made some bad choices. Who among us have not made mistakes? The bible says that we should bear each other's burdens, and by doing so we fulfill the law of God. As a community, let us find the good in ourselves and lift this brother, while resisting the temptation to further knock him down.

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