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**Questions:**

1. What inspired you to run for the NC House and if elected what do you want your legacy to be after you leave? In 2002 my only child was born. Six days later I deployed to Afghanistan as a soldier. Taking on the responsibility of parenthood combined with my recognition in Afghanistan that we can’t take the safety, education, and prosperity of our children for granted, made me realize I needed to get actively involved in making a better state in which to raise my daughter. I was first elected in 2004 and have worked hard since then to leave a better state for my child and all the children of North Carolina.
2. In your opinion what is the biggest issue on the minds of North Carolinians right now and how do you believe you could have the biggest impact? At this moment, the devastating impact of HB2 on our state’s economy and reputation seems to be at the front of voters’ minds. I have worked hard to repeal this legislation and will continue to do so. Once that is accomplished, we can refocus the legislature where it needs to be: education.
3. What policy areas are the most important to you and if elected what changes would you make? In addition to the repeal of HB2, I will continue to work to protect the safety of the air my child breathes and the water she drinks. I will continue to oppose the efforts of the McCrory Administration to remove protections for our air and water. I will also keep working to bring our teachers’ pay to above the national average.
4. As a large community organization we don’t always agree with each other on the best way to accomplish many of our projects, but we always work together to get the job done. In what way do you believe you will be able to work together with members of the opposite party to work together? I have a demonstrated record of working across the aisle. When I chaired the House Transportation Appropriations Committee, I was able to get a multi-billion dollar transportation budget passed with unanimous, bipartisan support. I have worked with members of the other party on numerous pieces of legislation to benefit our veterans and military families. And, I was proud to be part of a bipartisan group of four representatives that introduced legislation last year to reform how we draw legislative and congressional districts.
5. Just for fun: North Carolina doesn’t have an “official State dessert”, but if we did what would you want it to be? Under orders from my wife: “anything chocolate”.