

Alabama Governor's Conference on Tourism

August 14-17

Montgomery, Alabama

“Gubernatorial Candidates Forum Luncheon”

Speaker: Mr. Ron Sparks

Tuesday, August 17

12:00-1:30 PM

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Mr. Ron Sparks
Gubernatorial Candidate

Ron Sparks, now in his second term as Alabama's Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries, was born and raised in Fort Payne, Alabama.

Upon completion of Coast Guard service, Sparks furthered his education via the G.I. Bill and graduated from Northeast Alabama Community College. In 1978, at the age of 24, he became one of the youngest county commissioners ever elected in the State of Alabama.

In 1999, Sparks was appointed Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture & Industries. He served in this post until the opportunity presented itself once again to step forward and seek public office.

Under Commissioner Sparks' leadership, the department opened several new diagnostic labs. Sparks and his staff have also worked aggressively to help bring perpetrators of agriculture-related crimes to justice.

Commissioner Sparks represented Alabama farmers and agribusiness by serving as President of the Southern Association of State Departments of Agriculture. Commissioner Sparks was later elected President of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture.

Sparks, an avid hunter and outdoorsman, strongly supports the Second Amendment and rights to keep and bear arms.

Sparks has three children, Misty Dixon, Sparky Sparks and Luke Sparks; and two grandchildren, Jake Dixon and Atticus Sparks.

