

TN TEA PARTIES ANNOUNCE OVERWHELMING SUPPORT OF RON RAMSEY for GOVERNOR

based on a platform and strong, consistent record that most closely reflects Constitutional principles.

A coalition of 20 Tea Party Groups from across TN have endorsed Ron Ramsey for TN Governor. Groups include: *Bedford County Tea Party, Big South Fork Tea Party, Cumberland County Tea Party, Fayette County Tea Party, Franklin County Tea Party, Gibson County Patriots, Humphreys County Tea Party, Knoxville Tea Party, Lincoln County Tea Party, The Members of Cross County Patriots, The Memphis TEA Party, Monteagle Tea Party, Moore County Tea Party, Roane County Tea Party, Robertson County Tea Party, Sumner United for Responsible Government, Tea Party Cooperative, Tennessee Tea Party, Tipton County Tea Party, Upper Cumberland Freedom Rally*

EARLY VOTING: JULY 16-22 * ELECTION DAY: AUGUST 5

	RAMSEY	HASLAM	WAMP
Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Currently Lieutenant Governor of TN •First Republican Lt. Governor in 140 years •Graduated East TN University in Industrial Technology •Owns& Operates Ron Ramsey & Assoc. Auction Co. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Currently Mayor of Knoxville •Graduated Emory University w/history degree •President Pilot Corp, family owned business 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Currently U.S. Representative for TN 3rd Cong. District •Attended McCallie School NC and Univ. TN, Political Science. No degree •Commercial & Industrial Real Estate broker
Endorsements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Gun Owners of America •TN National Federation of Independent Business •2009 Named 'Legislator of the Year' by Pro-Life •TN Tea Party Groups & 48 Individual TP Leaders •Former Gov. Candidate Joe Kirkpatrick, Dep. Speaker of the Senate Bill Ketron, Sen. Dolores Gresham & TN Rep. Joey Hensley 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Howard Baker Jr., former Senate Majority Leader & Reagan Chief of Staff • TN Rep. Beth Harwell, former Rep. TN Chair •Rep. John Duncan Jr. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Dave Ramsey •Concerned Women of America •Pat Boone
2 nd Amendment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Received "A+" rating from NRA. •Cosponsored TN Firearms Freedom Act (SB1610), stating federal govt may not regulate firearms, ammunition, and firearm access. confined within TN •Sponsored the gun carry permit bill that has allowed over 300,000 Tennesseans to receive a carry permit •Co-sponsored legislation to permit firearms in establishments that serve alcohol 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Claims to support 2nd Amend.; HOWEVER, Gun Owners of America exposed/criticized Haslam's membership in Bloomberg's "Mayors Against Illegal Guns", an organization also opposed by the NRA. Haslam quit org. March 2009& joined the NRA prior to the governor's race. •Claims to support law giving bus. owners right to permit firearms where alcohol is served 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Received "A" rating from NRA •Received "B" rating from Gun Owners Of America
Economy, Taxes, & Jobs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •"Best Lawmaker for Business in TN" by Bus. TN mag. •Supports "Right to Work" •Supports less gov't control on small businesses •Supports No State Income Tax •Plans to cut state depts. by 1/3, streamlining depts. and outsourcing Human Res. as FL has done to save TN millions; also reduce entitlement programs •Sponsored Bill to 'ELIMINATE' Hall Tax on Seniors 65+ •Sponsored Bill to increase estate tax exemption \$100,000 per yr. until equals \$3.5 mill. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Signed bill to increase Knoxville property taxes '03. Tax rate was \$2.70 per 100. After increase it went to \$3.05/100. After state reappraisal it dropped to \$2.47 in 2009. • Supports improved infrastructure to support new businesses to Tennessee • Supports No State Income Tax •Supports 'reducing' Hall Tax maybe in 2-3 yrs •Would support repealing estate tax once economy recovers & state gov't size shrinks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Voted "Yes" for Stimulus 2008 & \$ 192B add'l in '09 •Voted "Yes" Cash for Clunkers •Voted 'Yes' for TARP-allowing Fed. to purchase troubled assets from financial institutions •Voted for numerous bills with "pork barrel spending" •Voted for Series of Free-Trade Agreements, transferring U.S. jobs & power to regulate trade to foreign countries •Supported Bush Tax breaks •Supports No State Income Tax •Supports 'reducing' Hall Tax soon
Healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Co-sponsored Bill to Opt Out of Federal Health Care •Sponsored Bill urging TN Atty. General to sue federal gov't over federal healthcare bill •Voted for malpractice reform & tort reform 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Claims to be against national Healthcare bill. •Supports more reform TennCare, tort reform, & expand role Office of Inspector General to control TennCare fraud. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Voted against National Healthcare bill

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Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Strong proponent of more parental choice in education(vouchers, charter schools & home school) •Co-sponsored Bill to expand Charter School access & eliminate Charter School restrictions •Voted to recognize Home School diplomas & allow home schoolers to participate in extracur. activities •Vows to appoint home school advocate to Bd of Educ. •Voted \$500 grant Hope Scholarship recipients •Supports competition in schools •Supports Intelligent Design in science curriculum •Expanding Pre-K is waste of state \$ because \$ are taken from high schools/other schools; supports reserving funds for K-12 program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Supports more parental control over child's education •Supports accurate assessments & interventions for at risk students •Has been attacked for not supporting Charter Schools. Mr. Haslam claims he is a strong supporter of Charter Schools •Believes current pre-K program is starting to show results. Shouldn't expand pre-K until we get data on results and budget not as tight. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Voted 'Yes' for No Child Left Behind Program •Voted 'Yes' for Head Start Program •Voted 'No' on Volunteer for America 'GIVE Act' •Believes early reading is key to education •Wants to test all kindergarten students, and those that need help receive supplemental education. •Advocate of home schooling •Favors charter schools and vouchers •Favors current pre-K program, but can't expand it because state has no money to expand •Believes TN Constitution requires state government to provide education to all children who need it
Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Supports amending TN Constit. to protect unborn •Led effort to strip Planned Parenthood of state funds •Co-sponsored Freedom from Coercion Act (pro-life) •Voted to allow abortion for medical necessity & rape of a minor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Pro-Life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Pro-Life •Voted to Prohibit Federally-Funded Abortion Services
Immigration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Voted for TN Resolution to recognize AZ Immig. Law. •Favors passing Arizona immigration law for TN •Co-sponsored bill requiring correctional facilities to check immig. status of inmates & report violations •Voted in favor of English First law •Voted for law requiring proof of citizenship for voting •Voted to end illegal aliens getting TN drivers licenses. •Voted for law to outlaw sanctuary cities •Favors penalizing businesses that hire illegal's 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Believes Arizona immigration law good for Arizona but NOT Tennessee •Favors enforcing penalties on employers to deprive illegal immigrants of work opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Favors passing Arizona immigration law for TN •Supports E-Verify for the American working class, an ID system that would be used to match social security numbers to identify illegal immigrants when hiring •Favors holding employers resp. for hiring illegal's •Voted for warrantless electronic surveillance of communication across our borders •Favors English First
Miscellaneous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Signed 10th Amendment 10-4 Pledge •Received nat'l criticism regarding remarks he made openly questioning Obama's U.S. citizenship status •Supports traditional marriage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Has NOT signed 10th Amendment 10-4 Pledge •Under Haslam's leadership, Red Light Cameras were brought to Knoxville •Wants to set up Director of Small Towns & Rural Development to oversee agriculture •Theatre & other real estate developments in Knoxville allegedly tied to Haslam investments •Supports traditional marriage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Signed 10th Amendment 10-4 Pledge •Voted for troop surge in Iraq •Voted for REAL ID, creation of a Nat'l ID System •Voted for PatriotAct: violates privacy rights of 4th Amend •Voted Against On-line Free Speech Act •Voted for McCain/Fiengold(Supreme Crt. ruled denies free speech) •Voted to create Homeland Security Dept. - giant step toward fed. supervision of fed., state, & local law enforcement – a hallmark of police states •Voted for UN Reforms HR2745-bill strengthens the UN by creating a 'Peace Building Commission' •Voted 'No' on Hate Crimes •Voted 'No' to Repeal 'Don't Ask; Don't Tell' •Missed 271 votes in House of Representatives •In 1994, pledged a 6-yr term limit; Has served 16yrs.